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Ministry denies young diabetics trial drug

JUDY SIEGEL

YOUNG Israelis who have just developed insulin-dependent diabetes are being deprived by the Health Ministry of participating in clinical trials of a very promising drug. The drug, Linomide, which has cured diabetes in mice at an early stage of the disease, is already being tested on teenagers in France.

Although the ministry's medications committee has banned clinical trials of the Swedish cancer drug Linomide on patients with insulin-dependent (also known as juvenile or Type-I) diabetes, clinical trials on diabetics as young as

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Bosnian hijacker surrenders

GARDERMOEN AIRPORT, Norway (AP) – A Bosnian hijacker surrendered to police late yesterday after commandeering an airliner and demanding that aid supply lines be opened to his homeland. He had held at least 80 passengers and crew aboard the SAS plane for more than three hours.

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Turkish Prime Minister Tanku Ciller reviews an IDF honor guard with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on her arrival here yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Ciller, Rabin talk business

DAVID MAKOVSKY and BATSHEVA TSUR

ISRAEL and Turkey will work together to find out who is funding Islamic fundamentalism, Prime Minister Tancu Ciller told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

"We must insure that fundamentalism does not spread. Financial support given to them should be pinpointed. We should try to stop terrorism," Ciller said. She termed cooperation between Israel and Turkey as a strategic relationship.

Ciller said she hoped that by today it would become clear whether Israel would refurbish 40 aging F-4 fighters with avionics, noting 60 percent of the funding has already been secured by way of export-import credits from the US.

The deal would be worth $300 million-$500 million, senior Israeli officials said.

Ciller also predicted that an Israeli-Turkish free trade zone agreement would be be reached within the next two months.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

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2 killed, 21 injured in winter storm

DAVID RUDGE

TWO people were killed and 21 were injured in flooding and traffic accidents as thunderstorms and heavy rain swept the north yesterday following Wednesday's freak storm that struck southern and central parts of the country and caused millions of shekels of damage.

A mother and her daughter from Beit Jann died in the Bezek River in Samaria when the river overflowed its banks and swept them out of their home. Their bodies were found several hundred meters away from the house.

Police last night were still searching for two people missing from a car swept away in a flash flood at the Navot junction between Afula and Beit She'an. A woman passenger was plucked to safety by a local resident after she got out of the car and was swept away by the flood waters.

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Islamic Jihad attacks Arafat, threatens revenge against Israel

JON IMMANUEL

ISLAMIC Jihad swore revenge against Israel as thousands of its supporters, carrying banners and cursing Yasser Arafat, followed the funeral procession of assassinated activist Hani Abed yesterday.

Many believe that Abed, killed Wednesday by a bomb planted in his car, was a victim of an Israeli retaliation campaign against Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror organizers.

A joint leaflet by all six PLO and Islamic groups in Gaza accused Israel of planting the bomb. A separate Islamic Jihad leaflet warned that "the Palestinian Authority is responsible for protecting its citizens from crimes committed by the Zionist occupation."

A Fatah leaflet accused Israel and "its collaborators," a term which the 10-member rejection front used to describe Arafat, in a leaflet from Damascus.

Israeli security officials said that they have compiled data indicating that Hamas and Islamic Jihad are planning an attack next week, possibly to coincide with Monday's scheduled reopening of the Machpela Cave in Hebron.

The officials dismissed accusations of complicity in Abed's death, saying his death was a "occupational accident" resulting from a bomb he prepared himself.

The security sources said Arafat is currently in a difficult political predicament, and that unless he resolves to combat Hamas and Islamic Jihad, he is in danger of losing his grip on affairs in Gaza.

Arafat arrived from Tunis yesterday and immediately joined the funeral procession, surrounded by police. But he was spurned and jostled when he reached the Omari Mosque, where Jihad spokesmen addressed the crowd. His keffiya, his most characteristic symbol, was pulled from his head and he was hurried away by security men.

Arafat's spokesmen Nabil Abu Irdeineh and Marwan Khanafani refused to comment on the attack or on Arafat's treatment by the crowd. Khanafani's brother, Ghassan, was killed in 1972 when his car was booby-trapped in Beirut, reportedly by Israeli agents.

Abed, 32, was suspected of ordering attacks on Israelis, notably the May 20 attack on an army checkpost near the Erez checkpoint in which two soldiers were killed. He was arrested by Palestinian police, interrogated for 17 days, and released with a warning that Israel wanted him dead.

He was one of two editors of *Istiqlal*, an Islamic Jihad weekly newspaper authorized for publication by Arafat last month. His partner, Ali Siftawi, is the son of Fatah chief Assad Siftawi, assassinated last year in Gaza by Palestinians.

"Death to Israel," "Death to America," "This is your peace, Arafat," were some of the epithets shouted by the crowd at Abed's funeral.

"[Yitzhak Rabin] should prepare the coffins and the sorrow of the Israeli people to receive their victims," Islamic Jihad spokesman Abdullah Shami told reporters, repeating threats he made against soldiers and settlers the previous night. He also reportedly spoke of more attacks in the "in the heart of Tel Aviv."

Dr. Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas, speaking in the mosque, jeered at talk of dialogue with Israel and warned against cooperating with "the weak government" in Gaza, calling on the opposition to beware of collaborators.

At a Nahal memorial service on Wednesday, Rabin alluded to Israel's two-pronged strategy of peace with Arab friends and violence against violent enemies in "a war to the end."

"With one hand, we are grasping the hand of peace with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan," he said. "With the other, we are pulling the trigger to hit at the murderers of Hizbullah, at the terrorists and attackers of Hamas and Islamic Jihad."

This speech and the mention of Abed as the man who organized the attack on the solders convinced many Gazans that Israel was responsible.

In Khan Yunis, an eyewitness to Abed's death said that his car "flew more than two meters into the air."

Omar Najah, a used car salesman, said he carried him bleeding from the car. He was still alive, but had lost both legs and died on the way to the hospital.

Despite claims that the professionalism of the bomb pointed to Israel, he said it would have been quite easy to plant it.

"Abed arrived every day at six

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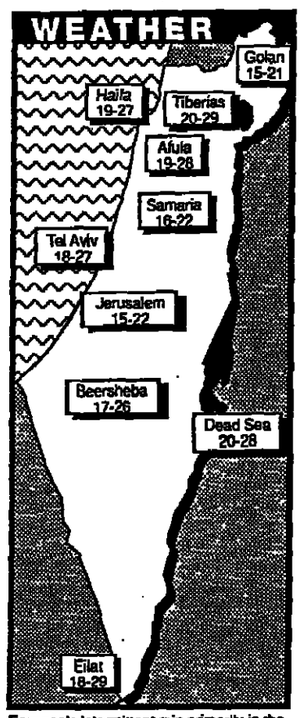
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Toronto	02	35	11	52	cloudy
Vienna	07	45	11	52	cloudy

Levy rejects Netanyahu's peace bid

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu's peace overture to MK David Levy was spurned last night, though not as absolutely.

Levy did leave the door open a crack, promising to review the situation if Netanyahu remained on his best behavior.

Earlier, Netanyahu issued an explicit public apology to Levy, saying at a Likud central committee session: "I have offended you, David, and for that I apologize."

He was referring to his remark, two years ago, about a "party higher-up surrounded by underworld figures," which Levy had taken as a reference to him.

The session, called to end the party's internal strife, got off to a late and rocky start. Levy had belittled the apology before it was even delivered, calling it a "shallow public relations gimmick."

Then MK Tzahi Hanegbi told Army Radio that "the feud in the Likud is being magnified by several development town mayors who are playing ethnic politics."

This so angered committee chairman Maxim Levy (David Levy's brother) that he walked out. Netanyahu chaired the session in his stead, noting that he had not heard what Hanegbi had said and had nothing to do with it.

To thunderous applause he called on party members to "stop opening old wounds. Let's exchange divisiveness for unity. I do not exclude myself from this duty. Therefore, from this podium I turn to David Levy and say: 'I have offended you, David, and your friends and I apologize for that. Each of us is only human and we all can make mistakes ... I want David to resume full activity in the party. I realize that apart from public pronouncements more moves are necessary, and I am sparing no effort to arrange a meeting. Let's have a sincere, talk, David. Let's sit together and put this quarrel behind us."



Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu speaks at the Likud central committee meeting yesterday. (Israel Sun)

But Levy continued the boycott of party forums he declared when Netanyahu handily defeated him in the 1993 primary.

But though the Likud central committee members loved the call for peace, Levy reacted sardonically. "It took him two years to admit his error, and we are talking about something unprecedented in the annals of politics," he said. "The question now is how long it will take him to correct the error of his ways – another two years? ... I will have to be certain the lesson has been learned. So far experience had not taught me that I can wholeheartedly say this man is a leader I can support and urge my people to follow.

"I will closely follow his actions and formulate my stand accordingly. It is too early to say how things will work out. Only time will tell."

The word in the Likud is that Levy is again after the number-two slot. But that is something Netanyahu cannot guarantee, since under the primary system no slot can be reserved.

The consensus in the Likud is that much will now depend on how Netanyahu fares in the polls. If his performance continues to improve, Levy will be unable to take him on.

Eitan: North needs a frontline commander

SARAH HONIG

TZOMET leader Rafael Eitan launched a scathing attack last night on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the top IDF echelon for their handling of what he called "the war in the North."

Eitan, a former chief of general staff, spoke at his party's central committee session in Ariel.

What happened at the outpost attacked last Saturday in the Lebanon security zone, he contended, "was not an isolated local shortcoming.

"The problem begins at the very top. We have a prime minister who sometimes moonlights as defense minister. He is an absentee defense minister. He is not there, but that won't make the problems go away."

Top military officers, Eitan went on, "cannot at one and the same time conduct diplomatic negotiations for a peace deal and also prepare the army for war. "They are dreaming of luxury hotel suits in Arab capitals instead of going out to the frontline strongholds, where they should evaluate the situation first hand and ensure battlefield discipline."

Eitan proposed that "what was done with the Sinai front in the Yom Kippur War be done with the Lebanon border now. When things were getting out of control in the South in 1973, a frontline commander, directly answerable to the chief of general staff, was appointed. This is what is necessary now in the North. The northern frontier should be recognized as a battlefield front line and its commander should deal only with waging the war that is raging there."

Fatah holding elections in Ramallah today

LAMIA LAHOUD

FATAHis holding elections in Ramallah today for a local leadership for the first time since its creation. Until now, Fatah leaders have been appointed by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who heads the Fatah movement.

Following today's balloting, elections will be held in Tulkarm, Jerusalem, Nablus, Hebron, and Bethlehem, said Marwan Baghouteh, Fatah's general secretary in the territories, who headed the committee which prepared the Ramallah elections.

Fatah activists there say Arafat did not give his blessing to the elections, but did not ask them to cancel them, either. "We interpret his silence as approval," said Ahmed Edik, a Fatah activist from a village close to Tulkarm who lives in Ramallah. Edik is married to Hannan Wazir, the daughter of assassinated PLO No. 2 Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad).

Another Fatah activist, who is a member of the Palestinian Authority, said Arafat cannot reject the idea of elections within Fatah, but admitted that there was a serious opposition from PLO members who came from Tunis and are now members of the Palestinian Authority in Gaza and Jericho.

He referred to them mockingly as the "Palestinian new immigrants" and accused them of trying to push the local Palestinian leadership out of the Palestinian political scene.

He said Fatah members in Judea and Samaria are worried that Fatah will disappear once the Palestinian Authority takes over the territories. He said in Gaza, Fatah has disappeared as an independent movement since the Palestinian Authority took over, and most Fatah members are now working for the authority.

"We will not let the Palestinian Authority destroy the Fatah movement. Fatah in the West Bank will support the authority, but will continue to be an independent movement," he said. The elections are a way to strengthen the movement and give its leaders legitimacy, he added.

Baghoutheh said the elections were important because they expressed the desire of the local Palestinians for a democratically-elected leadership.

Over 650 members of the Fatah movement will meet in Ramallah to elect two Fatah councils for the Ramallah district: an executive council called "the first council" of 15, and the second council of 30 which will carry out the decisions, explained Baghoutheh.

Only the core of the Fatah movement from the Ramallah area will participate in the elections, said Baghoutheh. He said the Ramallah district includes four refugee camps, 87 villages and three city districts: Ramallah, Al Bireh and Bitunia.

According to Baghoutheh, the criteria for participating in the election conference are active membership in Fatah for over 10 years, and long prison sentences for Fatah membership.

Members of trade unions, the women's movement and the Fatah student movement are represented, too. Edik said only activists 26 years old and up and who have been members of Fatah for over 10 years can be elected. He said the vote would be by secret ballot.

Next Friday, Fatah elections will take place in Tulkarm and the week after in Jerusalem. The elections will continue each Friday in a new district until Fatah leaders have been elected in all the districts in the territories. Although Fatah activists say they want to advocate democracy, they insist on barring the press from today's election conference.

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket number 087252 won NIS 1,000,000.

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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, 10 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

ARRIVALS

Robert H. Arnow, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors, U.S.A., Irene Kreitman, Hyman Kreitman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Gt. Britain, and Prof. Sidney Gelber, U.S.A., for the Chairman's Council Meeting.

Machpela ready for reopening

HERB KEINON

A FEW hundred soldiers took part in a drill at the Machpela Cave yesterday, putting the final touches on preparations for its scheduled reopening on Monday.

Noam Arnon, leader of the Jewish settlement in Hebron, said that although there is dissatisfaction with the security arrangements that will leave the largest hall, the Yitzhak Hall, out of bounds to Jews for most of the year, the settlers are not planning to protest.

"The main thing at this point," he said, "is to get the cave open." It has been closed since Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Moslems there in February.

The cave has been divided in such a way that Moslems will pray in the Yitzhak Hall, and Jews in the Abraham and Ya'acov halls. On 10 Jewish holidays the whole cave will be open only to Jews; on 10 Moslem holidays, Moslems will have total access.

Settlement leaders in Hebron said they were told by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran that the cave will open Monday and Tuesday, then close for two days, open again on Friday and Saturday, close for another two days, and then open permanently on November 15. The closures will give the IDF time to review security arrangements.

Settlement leaders are not planning anything special for the opening, although once the cave opens permanently there will likely be a major prayer assembly.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe complained that the large number of security forces is inappropriate for a holy site. "It looks like a fortress, inside and out," he told Army Radio. "I don't know how people will be able to pray quietly."

Dabsha incident trial put off

THE trial of two officers and three soldiers from the Givati Brigade, accused of dereliction of duty and lack of discipline during last Saturday's Hizbullah attack on an IDF outpost at Dabsha in southern Lebanon, has been postponed until Sunday.

The accused requested a continuance until after the seven-day mourning period for Almog Klein, killed in the attack, and the brigade commander rescheduled the trial.

Two other soldiers, from an auxiliary unit, were tried on Tuesday and sentenced to jail terms for failing to return fire and retreating during one phase of the attack.

Court asked to order probe into alleged abuse of Palestinians

EVELYN GORDON

NUMEROUS soldiers, border policemen and General Security Service agents should be investigated and tried for abusing Palestinians, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday.

The petition was filed by an organization called Protagoras, which deals in collecting complaints of mistreatment by Palestinians and passing them on to the army and other relevant authorities.

While some of its complaints have been dealt with, and have even resulted in trials, the petition said, the group filed 129 complaints over the past four years that have simply been ignored – despite the fact that by law, either an investigation must be opened or the complaint must be responded to within three months.

In January, the organization asked Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin to intervene with the army on its behalf, and Rabin said he had passed the information on to Judge-Advocate General Ilan Schiff. However, nothing has happened, the petition said.

The petition details several complaints. In one, a man named Yussef Mahmad claimed that eight soldiers came to his house in the night, dragged him outside and forced him to dig a pit. They then dumped him into the pit and covered him with earth, and told his family he was dead.

Soldiers came several times to harass him, Mahmad said. In another case, he said, they used him as a ball, tossing him back and forth until he fainted.

The IDF Spokesman's office told *The Jerusalem Post* it was looking into the petition, but did not have a response ready by press time.

Hizbullah attacks SLA positions

TYRE (Reuter) – Pro-Iranian Moslem guerrillas attacked South Lebanese Army posts in south Lebanon yesterday, security sources said. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the assault.

The sources said SLA posts at Braachit, Haddatha, and Beit Yahoun came under machine gun and rocket attack. IDF and SLA gunners responded with artillery fire, the sources added.

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Work permits given to another 5,000 Palestinian workers

JON IMMANUEL

FIVE thousand more Palestinians will be allowed to enter Israel with work permits starting today, in addition to the 8,000 already allowed in since the closure following the Tel Aviv bus massacre was lifted three days ago.

The permits are for 3,000 industrial workers and 2,000 construction workers and are limited to married men over 30 years of age who previously held work permits, the government coordinator's office said. Israeli officials believe limiting the permits to those in this category reduces security risks.

Yesterday some 1,700 Gazans entered Israel, compared with 1,000 the previous day, although 4,000 permits had been issued to the Palestinian Authority for distribution to Gazans. Before the recent closures almost 30,000 Palestinians worked in Israel.

Palestinian officials have said the closure, preventing about 70,000 Palestinians from going to jobs in Israel, throttled their economy, fueling opposition to the PLO's agreement with Israel.



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Ramon remarks infuriate labor councils

MICHAL YUDELMAN

A STORM erupted among Histadrut workers yesterday, following Chairman Haim Ramon's statement that "every worker at Histadrut headquarters costs NIS 120,000 a year."

Pinhas Kabbalo, chairman of the secretaries of labor councils, blasted Ramon for not only firing workers, but also "spreading lies about them to make them look bad."

Kabbalo noted that even the most senior labor council secretary receives no more than NIS 6,000 a month, while Ramon and his colleagues are paid more than NIS 30,000 a month.

Kabbalo pointed out that Ramon is paying MKs who serve in the Histadrut leadership NIS 6,000 a month, this on top of their Knesset salaries, something no previous Histadrut leader has done. In addition, Ramon ordered the purchase of five new luxury cars, complete with full-time chauffeurs, another expense that previous leaders eschewed.

Ramon, Kabbalo said, "should try to practice what he preaches before spreading lies about rank-and-file workers."

Histadrut workers to protest proposed dismissals

MICHAL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT workers intend to disrupt work next Monday by holding a meeting to protest management's issuing lists of 256 workers which Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon wants to fire from the labor federation's headquarters, without having reached an agreement over severance pay.

The workers were shocked and angered yesterday when the 256 of them were served personal notices advising them they are on the firing list, without telling them when or how they will be dismissed.

These notices were handed out to the unsuspecting workers despite a previous agreement that dismissal letters would only be sent by the union, which also intended to warn the workers in question in advance, after an agreement was reached with management over the terms.

The 256 workers appearing on the lists are in addition to 600 tax workers and 500 labor council workers who have been laid off. Moreover, the Histadrut management made it clear that this was only the first round of firings.

Histadrut sources said yesterday that the undignified issuing of these notices, which are not in lieu of official dismissal letters, constitutes "terrorism tactics" by the new leadership, intended to scare the already worried workers.

The workers to be fired include several who are former central committee members, such as Motke Sasson, Yosef Kara, social security section legal advisor Yehudit Nahman, Rabbi Gershom Harpanas, Moshe Valdman, Zvi Hayek, Aliza Tamir and others. The last three have opted for voluntary retirement, but are leaving their posts only because of the new leadership.

Labor's Histadrut faction blasted the mass firing, which is taking place without any recovery program, noting that members of Ram – Ramon's list – are being hired instead of those fired.

The faction blasted Personnel Section Head Meir Gatt and other party members who took part in the dismissal procedures, and issued a statement saying "it is intolerable to have those fired replaced by Ram people, and Labor cannot be a party to it. As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, dismissals should only take place as part of a rehabilitation plan."

Union Spokesman Mati David said that the Histadrut headquarters (Va'ad Hapoel) workers were not partner to the agreement reached between Ramon and the clerks' union "and we did not receive it. Gone is the era in which the bosses come to their subjects and hand them the conclusions, without negotiating with them."

Ramon said that the severance agreement reached with the workers is the best ever offered in the Histadrut, and the only reason he agreed to such terms was the precedent set by the agreements reached with the dismissed tax department workers.

Families of IDF accident victims demand independent probes

ALON PINKAS

FAMILIES of soldiers killed in IDF training accidents are demanding that investigations into such accidents be conducted by independent civilian commissions, and that those found responsible be tried by civilian rather than military courts.

"We have lost any faith in the army, and no longer regard it as a credible and trustworthy institution. The IDF is a very sick army in which fatal accidents and soldiers' low motivation are but symptoms of a larger problem," said Arye Bar-Natan, a representative of Matzok, the association of families who lost sons in accidents, in a meeting with reporters yesterday in Tel Aviv.

The families contend that the incident at the Dabsha outpost in south Lebanon last weekend is symptomatic of an army whose commanders refuse to take responsibility, and do so with impunity.

"Talk of 'localized failures' is misleading and is unacceptable. Whoever says, as Rabin does, that the IDF is the best army in the world is simply misleading the public," said Bar-Natan, who lost his son in a shooting accident in a Golani unit.

Shoshana Halamish, whose son Ehud was killed when two paratrooper forces fired at each other last year, echoed the demand for independent investigations of accidents.

Efrat Spiegel, whose son was killed when his jeep went off a cliff due to a navigation error by his unit in Lebanon, said: "There are families who to this very day still do not know the full story and the entire truth surrounding the circumstances of the deaths of their beloved sons.



Arye Ben-Natan of the Matzok organization – the sons of whose members died in IDF accidents – tells a press conference yesterday that such accidents should be investigated by independent civilian commissions of inquiry. Fellow members Efrat Spiegel (left) and Shoshana Halamish look on. (Israel Sun)

"It's appalling. The army is putting on a charade of lessons it supposedly learned and reportedly applied, but there are repeated accidents, like the electrocution of soldiers, after which nobody is really held responsible," she said.

All the group members expressed profound lack of trust in the army, which they said fails to seriously investigate itself and then demonstrates arrogance when the families seek more answers.

Defense: Finance director knew Dinitz was charging clothes to Jewish Agency

EVELYN GORDON

JEWISH Agency financial director Zvi Barak knew perfectly well that chairman Simcha Dinitz was buying clothes for himself at Sims and charging them to the agency, but did nothing about it, the defense in Dinitz's trial charged yesterday.

Dinitz is on trial in the Jerusalem District Court for fraud and breach of trust, for allegedly charging $22,000 worth of personal expenses to the agency.

Barak had testified during direct examination that he had no idea Dinitz was sending his Sims bills to the agency. However, defense attorney Uri Wagman claimed this was impossible.

Barak knew Dinitz was buying at Sims, the defense pointed out, because he frequently accompanied the chairman on his shopping trips. Also, the people who dealt with the Sims bills in Jerusalem all reported to Barak.

Furthermore, Wagman said, Amira Dotan, former head of the agency's New York office, had testified that Barak told Dinitz to just send the Sims bills to the agency in Jerusalem, and they would be dealt with there.

However, Barak denied that he had ever discussed the matter of Sims with either Dotan or Dinitz.

Wagman also tried to show that the $2,500 clothing allowance Barak arranged for Dinitz when his debts first became known was not a routine benefit which had accidentally never been paid to Dinitz in previous years, but a special perk arranged for Dinitz only.

Not only did Barak himself refer to it as a "special" grant in his statements to the police, but Barak admitted, in response to Wagman's questioning, that he was not authorized to deal with ordinary clothing allowances.

Barak, however, said that because the $500-a-year allowance was due Dinitz, but had not been paid for five years, he intervened personally to rectify the situation.

Wagman also noted that Dinitz's advisor, Ya'acov Nitzan, had testified that the grant was "larger than that given to others," and Dinitz's secretary, Marlene Moseck, had denied Barak's story that he asked her whether Dinitz was ever paid this allowance before giving it to him.

However, Judge Shalom Brenner appeared to find Moseck's statement hard to believe. Why, he asked, would Barak pay Dinitz the allowance without even asking anyone whether it had already been paid?

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bat Yam murder suspect released

The man arrested in connection with Wednesday night's murder of a Bat Yam money changer was released after questioning yesterday morning.

David Elimelech, 60, was stabbed to death by a masked man after his wife opened the front door of their apartment to the assailant and a woman accomplice. During the ensuing struggle, the masked man drew a knife and stabbed Elimelech in the chest. Police said the motive for the murder was robbery.

Praise for Israeli police contingent in Haiti

The Foreign Ministry has received a telegram from the US Embassy praising the performance of the Israeli contingent in the International Forces in Haiti. The embassy praised the decision to send police as part of the coalition efforts to return democracy to Haiti. It was emphasized that the police contingent "is working very well under especially difficult conditions. The people of Haiti are very satisfied with the presence of the police observers and express their thanks to them directly."

Ethiopian Jews celebrate Sigad holiday

Tens of thousands of Ethiopian Jews assembled in Jerusalem yesterday to celebrate the Sigad holiday, which marks the end of seven weeks' community introspection since Yom Kippur.

In Ethiopia, Jews would greet each other on this day with the traditional "Next Year in Jerusalem," but since their mass immigration, they gather in Jerusalem to observe Sigad.

Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban told the celebrants the absorption of Ethiopian immigrants has succeeded thanks "to the courage of the Ethiopian Jews and their desire to become a part of Israeli society," but said there are still problems to overcome. *Itim*

Jordanian girl's baby brother to donate bone marrow

JUDY SIEGEL

HEBA Rushdi Shaban's 10-month-old baby brother Muhadi has been found to be a compatible bone-marrow donor capable of curing the 12-year-old Jordanian girl of severe aplastic anemia.

Heba will apparently undergo the transplant at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem on Sunday, if the results of a final confirmatory test, which takes longer to complete, are positive. The chances that this final test will show incompatibility are very low, according to doctors.

None of the other members of her family, including her parents and three other siblings, had a compatible tissue type. The blood samples were brought by Heba and her father to the Jordanian side of the Allenby Bridge Wednesday, and test results were ready yesterday morning.

The Hadassah Medical Organization has offered to charge the rate paid by Israelis, and not the much higher cost charged to foreigners. The Prime Minister's Office and the Health Ministry are covering NIS 20,000 of the cost.

A day after the Jordan-Israel peace treaty was signed, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Hadassah bone-marrow transplantation center director Prof. Shimon Slavin received letters from the girl, who lives in Zarka. Heba begged to undergo a bone-marrow transplant in Israel, after her doctors in Jordan said they could not help her.

Slavin said yesterday that although the girl's health is deteriorating, her chance for a cure is high due to the suitable match of her brother's bone marrow. The baby, he said, will not be endangered by the procedure.

Barda sentenced to 11 years for armed robbery

RAINE MARCUS

SHIMON Barda, 36, a member of the Lifta Gang which plotted to blow up the mosques on the Temple Mount in the 1980s, was sentenced to 11 years in prison yesterdayfor armed robbery.

Barda, described by police as the one of the country's most dangerous criminals, was arrested earlier this year for the armed robbery of a jewelry store in which he and two accomplices took gems and gold valued at $80,000.

He was arrested but was released on a technicality, when a police representative showed up late to testify.

He then disappeared for several months, but was eventually captured in a girlfriend's Tel Aviv apartment after a violent struggle with police.

Suspect held in million shekel phone scam

RAINE MARCUS

A TEL AVIV man arrested yesterday on suspicion of defrauding Bezek of over a million shekels is also thought to be involved in a NIS 2m. bank fraud, police said yesterday.

The man, with two accomplices, allegedly rented five apartments in the Holon and Bat Yam areas, using fictitious names to order 17 telephone lines from Bezek. They then placed an ad in a Russian-language newspaper offering discount-priced phone calls abroad.

Immigrants, tempted by the offer of reduced rates for calls to their families in Russia, flocked to the apartments. The gang allegedly charged about 70% of the real price and then pocketed the money, said Supt. Meir Goretzki of the fraud squad.

This went on for around two months, said Goretzki, before the three suspects disappeared, leaving over NIS 1m. in phone bills. In one apartment alone, the suspects ran up bills totaling some NIS 300,000.

The case broke when Bezek, anxious to collect its bills, began its own investigation and discovered the identity of the suspects. One suspect is believed still to be in the country; the other left on a forged passport. The suspect in custody was arrested in his Dizengoff St. shwarma emporium on Wednesday night, and Goretzki believes he may be involved in another scam involving mortgage loans to immigrants totalling some NIS 2 million. Investigators say the suspect may have been responsible for renting apartments using forged purchase contracts.

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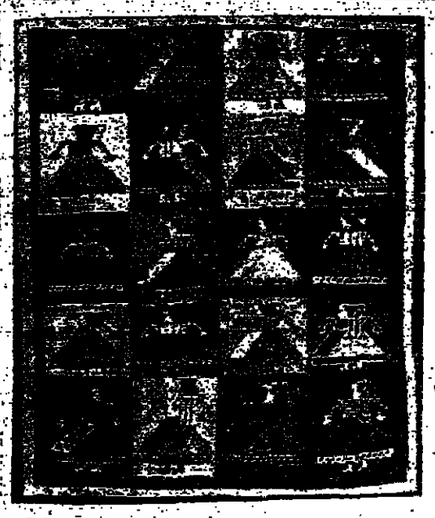
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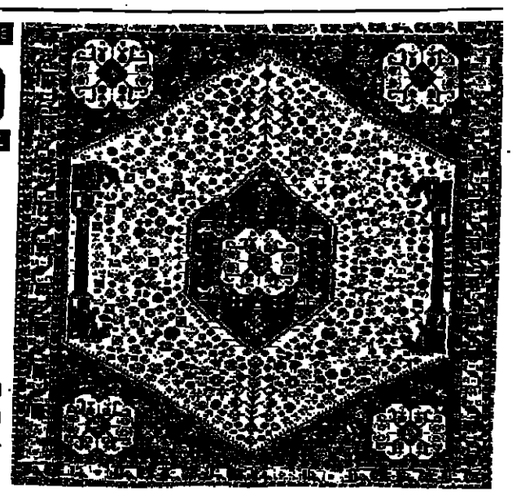
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Study urges US troops on Golan

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

A STUDY released here earlier this week urges the US to contribute troops toward an observer force on the Golan Heights after Israel and Syria make peace.

"If asked by Israel and Syria to do so, the US should stand ready to participate in peacekeeping," the study, conducted by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, concludes.

"In deciding to participate in peacekeeping arrangements, Washington will have to balance the *possible* risks inherent in peacekeeping, as well as the potential opportunities peace will create, versus the *likely* risk of increased instability and perhaps even war should the Israeli-Syrian peace effort collapse," the study said.

The report is the first done by American analysts that urges US troops to play a role in securing an Israeli-Syrian peace.

A study produced last week for Washington's Center for Security Policy counseled against stationing US troops on the Golan, stating it would invite terrorist attacks and deal a severe blow to US-Israeli relations.

An earlier report of the California-based Rand Corporation presented a range of options but offered no policy recommendations.

Administration officials have stated over the past year that the US stands ready to contribute troops should the parties make the request.

The study recommends that the US contribution to an international force range from "a score" to 300 civilians conducting mobile patrols and operating early warning sites, to 1,000 troops manning observation posts and patrolling the area.

In no case should a division-sized fighting force be deployed, as it "carries significant burdens and risks for the US," the study said.

The US can reduce risks to the observers by not dispatching them until after agreements are reached with both Syria and Lebanon and until "the security environment in the area has substantially improved, making it more conducive for peacemaking," it said.

As examples, it added, Syria must first clear terrorist groups from its own and Lebanese territory, disarm such groups as Hizbullah, and end drug cultivation in the Bekaa Valley.

The report said that a multinational force of up to 2,500 men should only be a second choice.

"America's preference should be to serve in support of Israeli-Syrian joint monitoring teams," it said.

The study was conducted over the past year by a retired colonel, a former international security affairs official at the Pentagon, and the institute's military affairs fellow.

Elio Toaff steps down after 44 years

Rome's chief rabbi to retire next year

ROME (Reuter) - Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff is to retire next year, after 44 years in office, his aides said yesterday.

Toaff, who played host to Pope John Paul in 1986 on the first visit by a pontiff to a synagogue, had written in June to the community's council saying he wished to retire when he turns 80 next April.

Council President Claudio Fano said the letter was not made public until now because members had tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade Toaff to stay on.

The chief rabbi of Rome's 15,000-member Jewish community is appointed for life and no precedent of retirement exists.

According to Fano, Toaff said he wanted to rest.

Toaff has played an active role in the improvement of relations between Jews and Catholics, which culminated this year in the establishment of full diplomatic ties between Israel and the Vatican.

He has been an outspoken critic of Italy's neo-fascists, who joined the government this year.

Alleged killer is identified

MICHA Birenstein has been identified as the alleged killer of Shukrun Peretz in the Sheba Hospital emergency ward on October 14. Police released his name yesterday.

Police said Birenstein, 18, murdered Peretz, 19, because of a dispute over money they took during a robbery.

Birenstein originally shot Peretz at his Givat Shmuel home. Peretz then went to the hospital and, while being examined by doctors, was shot in the head by a man who disguised himself as a doctor. The gunman fled and Peretz died a few hours later.

About a week later, Birenstein surrendered to police. He is expected to appear in court for a remand hearing this morning. *Raine Marcus*

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12 began four months ago at a major diabetes research and treatment center in Paris and have been approved by an Italian center as well. The drug has also been taken over a period of several years, without major side effects, by more than 500 North American and European adult cancer patients in double-blind trials.

Prof. Shimon Slavin, head of the department of bone-marrow transplantation and the cancer immunobiology research laboratory at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section, holds a patent on the idea of using Linomide for juvenile diabetes and many other autoimmune disorders.

Before the ministry barred clinical trials on diabetics, the Helsinki committees that vet researchers' applications for clinical trials at Hadassah and Beilinson hospitals approved its use for Type-I diabetes. The ministry's medications committee, which has the final say, allowed Hadassah's neurology department to begin a pilot clinical trial of Linomide on multiple sclerosis (MS) patients, but turned down the diabetes trials.

The Israel Juvenile Diabetes Association, which channeled funds from the US Juvenile Diabetes Foundation for Slavin's initial research, yesterday called on the Health Ministry to reconsider its decision. "The research is very promising," said IJDA chairman Hiki Haviv. "Insulin-dependent diabetes in Israel demands a greater research effort than what has been carried out up to now. The work on Linomide is very encouraging."

DIABETICS

Haviv said "many hundreds of youngsters" are diagnosed every year, and there are some 12,000 Israelis with the disease. Despite insulin injections, keeping blood sugar in balance is very problematic, she said, and there can be very serious complications, including blindness, the need for limb amputation, neurological problems, and heart disease and strokes in adulthood. "Patients have to inject themselves with insulin several times a day, and it is very traumatic, especially for children and teenagers."

Dr. Pnina Vardi, director of the National Juvenile-Onset Diabetes Center at the Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva, said she is "definitely in favor of allowing clinical trials of Linomide on diabetics, but only on those aged 18 and over. "Patients today don't have to die from insulin-dependent diabetes. As there is no experience with possible side effects of the drug on children and adolescents, it should not be used on youngsters who are still growing. There is a possibility of side effects on those over 18, but I am nevertheless very much in favor of such trials; while I understand their concerns, I hope the ministry committee changes its mind."

Linomide (LS-2616 quinoline-3-carboxamide), produced by Kabj Pharmacia AB in Lund, Sweden, is a "simple, very-well-tolerated organic compound." Slavin found that the drug, originally developed for cancer patients, is "effective in the amelioration of autoimmune manifestations." When used on mice with an animal model of MS the drug "completely prevented onset of paralysis in all" the mice tested, while severe paralysis developed in all the control animals.

When used on diabetic mice, the drug prevented the onset of the disease in all; 70 percent of the untreated animals developed severe inflammation and destruction of the cells and died of diabetes in 40 weeks. "It is effective orally and reasonably well tolerated" among adult cancer patients who received it after undergoing bone-marrow transplants. According to Slavin's article, side effects included nausea, puffiness around the eyes and musculoskeletal discomfort, but they were mostly mild and often disappeared as treatment continued.

Asked for a reaction, Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said that its medications committee met a number of times to discuss the requests for Linomide trials on Type-I diabetics. "On the basis of data it has, at this stage we will not allow clinical trials with the drug, which can harm various bodily systems, despite the drug's potential. The committee noted that juvenile-onset diabetes patients are different from MS patients; the former are mostly young, who can generally follow a normal way of life (by balancing blood sugar and insulin levels). The committee opposes giving a substance with a high potential toxicity to this population. MS patients, by comparison, have no other treatment and this disease involves progressive degeneration."

Slavin was reluctant to comment, but conceded he was "surprised and disappointed" that the ministry – which in the past quickly approved many of his requests for innovative clinical trials – found this drug problematic, even though Slavin regards Linomide as much less risky than other drugs that were approved.

He added that approval of Linomide was smoothly granted by more than two dozen top-quality foreign centers, "which are normally at least as stringent as the ministry." Moreover, his own study was immediately approved by the Italian and French authorities, and the drug "is now being considered elsewhere for trials involving diabetes and other diseases."

STORM

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Police discovered the car stuck in the mud, but could not immediately extricate it because of the flood waters. The road remained closed as the search and rescue efforts continued. The missing people are believed to be the driver and a hitchhiker.

An air force helicopter rescued rescued four youngsters missing since Wednesday night who had been on a hike in the Judean desert, after they were unable to complete their route and were forced to find shelter until morning.

Meanwhile, 16 people were injured, two of them severely, in a traffic accident near Sha'ar Hanegev in the south. A tour bus carrying soldiers made a U-turn and then crashed into a private car and overturned. The injured were taken by helicopter and ambulances to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital.

In another accident near Eli in Samaria, two bus passengers were seriously injured and another three lightly hurt when Egged bus No. 747 from Nablus to Jerusalem skidded into a wadi near the settlement.

Meanwhile, clearing weather in the south revealed the extent of the havoc wreaked by the storm that had earlier hit Egypt, leaving hundreds of people dead and injured and thousands more homeless after lightning set fire to a fuel depot.

Meteorologists had warned that a repeat performance was possible from the same direction, but it proved more moderate than the fierce winds, reaching speeds of over 80 kilometers an hour, which ripped through Eilat and northwards via the Arava to the Dan region on Wednesday.

Even so, the Arava road was closed for much of the day due to flash floods, and scores of motorists and several bus loads of vacationers were stranded for several hours until the water level dropped sufficiently.

Some 450 Egged passengers on nine buses were stranded in the middle of the Arava highway between two branches of the swollen Nahal Faran early yesterday morning.

The buses had left Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa and got stuck at about 3 a.m. when the southern branch of Nahal Faran became unpassable, then were unable to turn back when the northern branch proved the same, trapping them in the middle.

Seven out of the nine buses managed to continue around 3 p.m. yesterday after the flow of water subsided for a few minutes, with six heading to Eilat and one turning back to Tel Aviv. "We've been through a night and day we will never forget," said passengers on the bus that turned back. They said they organized singing on the bus to deal with the tension.

Egged officials had earlier come to the scene and supplied the passengers and drivers with food and drinks delivered on heavy vehicles that managed to cross the flooded road.

Several passengers unwilling to wait out the weather hitched rides with intrepid truck drivers who braved the water. Two buses remained stuck at the site with only a few passengers aboard as of last night. An Egged spokesman blamed the entire episode on "force majeure" and said the company did not have to compensate the passengers.

Arava and Jordan Rift farmers began assessing the cost of the damage caused by the storm which they said would run into millions of shekels. Greenhouses were ripped to shreds, hundreds of dunams of crops, including ripening tomatoes, were destroyed, and there was also damage to cowsheds and electric grids.

The farmers called on the Agriculture Ministry to declare some parts of the region disaster areas, to enable them to receive compensation for the extensive damage. At Kibbutz Bror Hayil near Sderot, damage from fallen trees alone was estimated at about NIS 400,000, and total damage was expected to reach more than NIS 3 million. Hundreds of 40-year-old trees were uprooted from orchards and landed on rooftops, destroying the electric system.

CILLER

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said Israel supports the idea in principle, but Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish noted that the textile industry opposes such a move. He said he hopes this can be overcome.

She sounded optimistic that specifice economic projects that she laid forth in her talks with Rabin would be implemented. During those talks, she put forward wide-ranging ideas for economic partnership.

In subsequent remarks before the Israel Council on Foreign Relations, Ciller also hammered home the economic theme, saying she saw bilateral links as the first phase of regional cooperation.

But "the core is Turkey-Israel," she declared in her speech, which was punctuated by declarations of warmth about the bilateral relationship and optimism for the region.

"I stepped from the old Middle East to the new Middle East," she proclaimed.

During her meeting with Rabin, participants reported, Ciller foresaw cooperation between the two countries, which could expand to include third countries and even the entire region; she mentioning Syria by name. She specified several areas of bilateral cooperation: commercial satellites, telecommunications, cargo transport, electricity, and water.

Ciller said there is a huge market for water in the region, and Turkey could play a role in filling this need.

In response, Rabin said Israel would have to weigh importing Turkish water against the cost of desalinating brackish water.

Ciller reportedly told Rabin that Turkey would be happy to house a new Middle East regional development bank in Istanbul.

Ciller largely skirted the issue of Syrian support for PKK Kurdish rebels, just saying she hopes that in a period of peace, Syrian-supported terror would stop. Some participants took this is a hint that any deal to take Damascus off the State Department terror list would include Syria's halting support for the PKK.

In her speech to the council, she said that Turkey shares with Israel a willingness to "stand up against extremism. It is willing to stand up to violence, if necessary by force."

Israel is willing to help Turkey in its fight against Islamic extremists, but wants to play a more passive role in its battle against the Kurds.

According to a Washington Institute for Near East Policy paper released to coincide with the Ciller visit, four major reasons underlie Turkey's new warmth toward Israel.

The Israel-PLO breakthrough "freed Turkey to pursue the kind of relations with Israel that much of the Turkish security and foreign affairs establishment long desired and that, many believe, the two states already pursued in a quiet and limited way."

"Ankara has grown disaffected from a pro-Arab policy that failed to pay anticipated diplomatic and economic dividends. Disagreements over water almost inevitably will deepen Turkish-Arab relations." In contrast, Israeli-Turkish economic ties are growing.

Turkey believes that ties with Israel will help it with Washington, which has been troubled about its human rights record, particularly regarding the Kurds.

"As Turkey's stock as a Western security asset declines and Ankara's confidence in NATO security guarantees likewise wanes, Ankara has become more proactive in pursuing security policies in its Middle Eastern neighborhood."

When Ciller arrived at Beit Hanassi yesterday evening, President Ezer Weizman welcomed her as an old friend. The two had met several times during his January visit to Turkey.

Ciller was accompanied by Turkish Ambassador Onur Gokce and members of her entourage.

Weizman inquired about Turkish President Suleyman Demirel, and stressed the importance of the January meetings.

Earlier, Ciller paid a visit to Yad Vashem.

JIHAD

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and left the College of Technology [where he lectured on chemistry] at the same time each day. Putting a bomb under the car was not difficult, as the parking lot was full. Somebody could work unseen between the cars and then detonate it by remote-control," Najah said.

A policeman outside the college said that it was clear that Abed had not been carrying a bomb he had prepared himself for use against Israelis, "because the explosion blasted the chassis inward, indicating that it had been placed underneath the car." Yesterday, the car was still lying close to where it exploded.

The college, a secular institution run by the PLO, was closed due to a three-day strike ordered by the students. Elsewhere in Gaza, some shops were closed, but a strike called by all the main organizations was only partially observed.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

Peace allows archeologists to excavate ruins

DAVID RUDGE

THE peace treaty with Jordan is enabling archeologists to excavate the remains of a Crusader fortress that once guarded and controlled a strategic bridge over the Jordan river.

"We have been waiting over 40 years for this opportunity and the peace treaty has made it happen," said Omri Shalmon, of nearby Kibbutz Gesher.

The fortress lies on the Israeli side of the river, but east of the security fence that guards the border.

The excavations are being carried out by the Antiquities Authority, with the financial backing of the government's tourism development corporation. The aim is to restore the site and turn it into a tourist attraction.

Our dear
Dr. ROSALIE BAKALINSKY
has passed away.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, November 4, 1994 (1 Kislev, 5755) leaving from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlor at 10 a.m. for Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul.

Shiva at the home of the deceased, 10 Ben Tabai, Apt. 16, Jerusalem.

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Brothers: Leonard and Shaya Bakalinsky, Canada
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MICHAEL Z. BERGER ע"ה
ר' זכריה ברגר ע"ה
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Sali Berger
Bryskman, Gershinsky and Berger Families

Esther Ghitis and Family
are affectionately near Fany, Rosanna, Serge and families in their grief and deep mourning on the passing of
JOSEPH DRABKIN ז"ל

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died in Reading, U.K.
on Monday, October 31, 1994
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Shiva - Horovitz - Dicker, 15a Harav Frank, Jerusalem
Carmeli Family, Kibbutz Hulata

A painful year has passed
without our beloved son, brother and grandson
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Egyptians survey devastation

DURUNKA, Egypt (AP) – Families came back to this burned-out town yesterday, fighting anger and despair as they surveyed the devastation left by burning oil borne on flood waters through the streets.

Questions were raised about why the government put a fuel storage terminal so close to houses. As townspeople tried to identify charred bodies, many complained they haven't seen promised government aid.

Yesterday afternoon, the death toll rose dramatically as officials conceded that in addition to 258 bodies in morgues, about 220 other victims remained in the blackened rubble. Those who came back to Durunka feared the toll could be even higher.

"There are people it will take three months to find in all of this sand and mud," Mohammed Abdel-Aal said as he searched for his missing wife and two-year-old son.

Durunka's tragedy came as more than 40 other people died in southern Egypt in floods set off by a torrential downpour.

What made it far worse in this town of 22,000 was a fuel train slipping off a rain-washed track en route to the oil depot. An electric wire was sparked, and flaming oil was added to the surging waters.



Some of the 2,600 striking union workers from the 'San Francisco Chronicle' and 'San Francisco Examiner' clash with the newspapers' security officers who try to get a truck filled with newspapers to deliver in the city. (AP)

Hijackers demand supply lines to Sarajevo

DOUG MELLGREN
OSLO

HIJACKERS commandeered an airliner with 129 people aboard over northern Norway yesterday and demanded supply lines to Sarajevo be opened for humanitarian aid.

They released 52 people at an airport in an Arctic town and forced the plane to fly to Oslo.

One of the hijackers, in a tape recording released to Norwegian media, also demanded to speak with Bosnian officials before releasing the passengers.

"Let food and drink and water and... everything come to Bosnia," one of the hijackers said in tape played by Norway's TV-2 network.

"We are 31 months in a concentration camp, it is enough... We don't need to suffer more," the voice said.

He warned authorities that passengers would be killed if police tried to storm the plane, the news agency NTB reported.

"I'm not alone. If you act fair, we'll act fair. If no one shows up with a weapon, no lives will be lost," he was quoted as saying.

It was not clear how many hijackers there were, or what weapons they had.

The plane, Scandinavian Airlines System Flight No. 347, had been hijacked on its way from the town of Bardufoss to Bodo, north of the arctic circle.

A passenger, Gunhild Berglund, said she saw just one hijacker force his way into the cockpit about 15 minutes after the plane left Bardufoss.

Then, she said, "the captain told us over the loudspeaker system that he had a Bosnian in the cockpit. He also said that women, children and men under 18 and above 60 years of age would be allowed to leave the plane," Berglund told Norwegian television.

The passengers departed at Bodo without incident.

Bodo police chief Bjorn Hareide said his officers had surrounded the plane, but decided to let it take off for the safety of the remaining passengers.

Prince Charles finds time to have tea with Streisand

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – Britain's Prince Charles decided to break into his busy schedule during his visit to Los Angeles to have tea in private yesterday with entertainer Barbra Streisand, one of his aides said.

In a recent authorized biography, *The Prince of Wales*, Charles described the singer, actress and film director as "my only pinup."

He said Streisand suggested to Charles some time ago that they get together during his five-day stay in Los Angeles, and the prince suggested they meet at a charity dinner being thrown for Charles but Streisand could not make the dinner.

Late Wednesday, Charles juggled his schedule to make time for the meeting with Streisand.

The prince and the showgirl have met on several occasions and are known to get on well. She is a staunch supporter of The Prince's Trust, a charity set up by Charles which supports numerous causes.

Moslem, Croat troops make first joint effort

BUGOJNO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) – Moslem and Croat troops closed in on a strategic Serb-held town yesterday, gathering momentum in their first major joint push against their common enemy.

The status of the town, Kupres, was unclear as night fell. Croat media reported that Bosnian Croat militia "liberated" the Serb-held community, capturing a "huge" amount of ammunition and equipment and leaving the bodies of Serb defenders strewn on the road leading into town from the south.

Croatian television showed what it said was footage of Bosnian Croat militias entering Kupres and said 22 militiamen had fallen taking the town.

But UN officials could not confirm the fall of Kupres, although one of them said "the rumor is wide-spread."

Earlier in the day, mostly Moslem Bosnian government forces were reported to be just 2 kilometers north of Kupres; while Bosnian Croats reportedly were poised on its southern edges.

The thrust on Kupres, about 100 kilometers west of Sarajevo, began early last week with a twin attack by government troops from around Bugojno in the northeast and Bosnian Croat militias from the south.

The town of 3,500, about 51 percent Serb, 40 percent Croat and 8 percent Moslem before the war, sits atop the Kupres plateau. The strategic high ground links Serb-held territory in northwestern Bosnia and neighboring Croatia with Serb land in central Bosnia.

Serbs call the Kupres plateau "the gates of Bosnia." It was one of the first regions they captured in fierce fighting in early April 1992, as war began. Their leader, Radovan Karadzic, considered the plateau a trump card, contemplating trading parts of it to the Croats only in exchange for access to the sea in a final peace plan.

Photos of Mitterrand's alleged illegitimate daughter published

PARIS (AP) – A gossip magazine published photos yesterday of a young woman said to be President Francois Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter, shattering a long-held Gallic taboo against tattling on the private lives of public figures.

The presidential palace refused to comment on the photos and interview with Philippe Alexandre, a journalist whose book on the president describes what he calls Mitterrand's second family, in this week's *Paris Match*.

"Mitterrand, like any man, should have a certain remorse... to have deprived this young girl, who is now more than 20 years old and is very brilliant, very intelligent, of her identity," Alexandre told *Paris-Match*.

Politicians and part of the press jumped to Mitterrand's defense, criticizing an invasion of privacy long looked down upon here as muckraking characteristic of the puritanical British and Americans.



'Paris Match' magazine with President Mitterrand and his illegitimate daughter. (AP)

"I regret it," said former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. "I don't know in what conditions the photos were published. If there wasn't any agreement by the concerned parties, I regret it."

Henri Emmanuelli, first secretary of Mitterrand's Socialist party, said the revelations were of "an extraordinary mediocrity, even an extraordinary low."

Mitterrand has two sons by his wife of 49 years, Danielle. Gossip has long attributed to him a succession of mistresses; but laissez-faire circumspection has kept such rumors out of print.

The revelation is likely to earn a shrug from his countrymen compared to the furor that erupted two months ago amid disclosures that Mitterrand ardently backed the collaborationist Vichy regime early in World War II.

Christine Keeler: Yes, I was Soviet spy

LONDON (Reuter) – Christine Keeler, at the heart of a 1963 sex scandal that disgraced a senior minister and shook Britain's ruling Conservative Party, has admitted for the first time that she was a Soviet spy.

War Minister John Profumo had to resign after lying to parliament about his affair with Keeler who, at the height of the Cold War, was also sleeping with a Soviet naval attache.

"In the beginning I was spying with [socialite matchmaker] Stephen Ward, delivering stuff to the Russian embassy, but I really didn't know what I was doing," she told the celebrity magazine *OK* in an article published today.

Historians had often suggested Keeler was a spy. She had denied this.

Official files released this year after a 30-year secrecy blackout show that a report commissioned by then Prime Minister Harold Macmillan found no grounds to believe classified information was passed via Keeler to the Soviet diplomat.

Keeler, 19 at the time of the scandal, denied being a high-class prostitute for Ward as has often been claimed. Keeler met Profumo at a weekend party at a country house.

The sex-and-national-security furor, dramatized in the 1980s film "Scandal," retains fascination for Britons as an example of ministerial deceit.



GELLER NESSIS

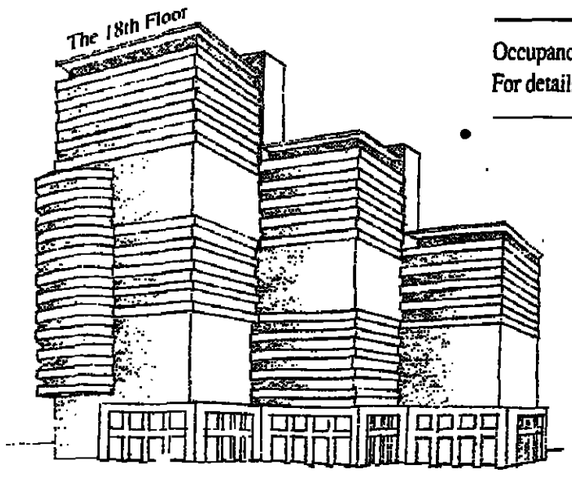
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Targeting Szenes

THERE are countries in which the denial of the Holocaust is a crime. Others allow the dissemination of revisionist WW II history only because they consider freedom of speech an overriding right. But in no civilized society, let alone Jewish circles, is such revisionism considered acceptable.

Unfortunately, no such stigma is attached to an equally insidious insult to truth and the Jewish people: *the rewriting of Zionist history*. On the contrary. The ugly revisionist version of one of the loftiest enterprises of all time has become the conventional wisdom almost everywhere, and it is threatening to become gospel in Israel, too.

Perhaps the reason is that Israeli historians, playwrights, and writers eagerly collaborate in this attempt to debunk, distort, and demonize the Jewish national liberation movement. It is difficult to demand that others be more patriotic than celebrated Israelis.

The most recent example of this exercise in ostentatious, publicity-seeking self-flagellation is a television "*docu-drama*" *called Kastner*, scheduled to be shown on state television next week. This relatively new form of television show is in itself highly questionable. It is one thing to fictionalize history in a Cecil B. de Mille-type of *Hollywood entertainment; quite another to present* tendentious fabrications as a "dramatized" documentary on a television news-magazine program.

The purpose of *Kastner* is not to entertain, nor is it a documentary except in the sense that Soviet propaganda films were documentaries. Its goal is as ideological as it is nefarious: to destroy the reputation and memory of one of the most outstanding heroes in Zionist history, Hanna Szenes.

For narrow, petty minds the story of Szenes is indeed incomprehensible. Her obsession with doing something – including sacrificing her own life – to help Jews threatened with Nazi extermination is beyond the grasp of today's trendy anti-heroes. In this "post-Zionist" era (or, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres likes to call it, "the era of economic Zionism,") the idea of leaving the relative safety of Eretz Yisrael for almost certain death in an attempt to parachute into Nazi-held Europe is alien and repellent.

To shatter Szenes's hero-image, this "docu-drama" charges that, after being tortured by the Nazis, she betrayed her friends, who were later captured. The allegation is based on speculations by sources close to the program's hero, Israel Kastner, who collaborated with the Nazis in an effort to save some Hungarian Jews. After the war Kastner rewarded some high-ranking Nazi war criminals by testifying in their favor and saving their lives.

It is almost demeaning to have to deny these charges against Szenes, particularly in view of their origin. They are totally baseless, a pure invention by the show's writer. Though subjected to unspeakable torture, Szenes did not divulge *even the cipher of the radio transmitter she carried*. Her Hungarian judge, still alive in Argentina in 1985, told former Knesset Speaker MK Dov Shilansky that it was her defiance and refusal to cooperate which made him sentence her to death. All evidence shows that her comrades were betrayed by the same Yugoslavs assigned to help them, who had informed on her.

Only the compulsive, pathological drive to prove that the whole Zionist enterprise was conceived in sin can explain the current need to rewrite Zionist history and shatter national icons. True, such phenomena of self-abasement are known in all democracies – though never to this extent – and clearly the right of free speech must cover even the most insidious writings. But why such an obscenity as *Kastner* should be financed by the Israeli taxpayer and shown on state television is beyond the grasp of plain mortals.

New world disorder

YESTERDAY'S hijacking of a Scandinavian airliner for political reasons follows a spate of terrorist outrages against innocent bystanders: Three Western tourists were kidnapped and murdered in Cambodia. Four tourists were kidnapped in India and were freed in a successful security forces operation, which unfortunately cost the life of one of the rescuers.

There have been pious hopes in the past couple of years that with increased international security awareness, aircraft hijacking and hostage-taking had become counter-productive for those with extremist political agendas. But it seems the announcement of the decline of terrorism has been somewhat premature.

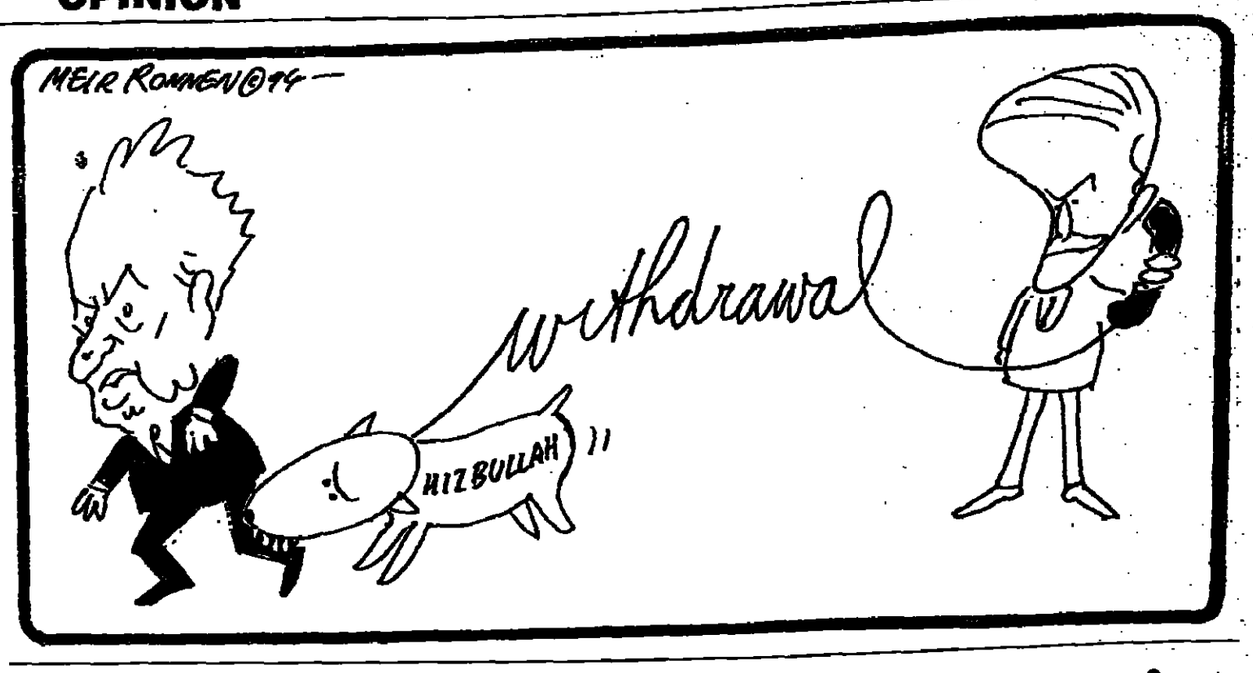
Terrorists are plying their evil trade with renewed ferocity – and with substantial funding from terrorist states. *Official protests by Iran over* the trial of its state assassins in France, and Libya's refusal to hand over two men charged with destroying an aircraft to international justice demonstrate that international banditry reaches *high into the seats of power*.

Isolated incidents by criminal or extremist groups will probably never be eliminated. But a major new international initiative to hit at the roots of terrorism and political banditry is sorely needed. Much of the harvest of terrorism now being reaped has been sown by the international community itself. There has been a tacit acceptance in many quarters that "national struggle" and "freedom fighting" have incomprehensibly expanded their meaning to include almost any act of carnage and barbarism that one may tag with a "political" leaflet and a "claim of responsibility."

The most notorious blank check given to Arab terrorism was the infamous UN resolution defining Zionism as racism – elevating years of plane hijackings and bomb blasts at airports and synagogues to acts of "Palestinian struggle." The UN made a similar disastrous mistake with the Khmer Rouge – continuing for years to recognize the legitimacy of an organization with the blood of two million Cambodians on its hands when it should have been totally outlawed.

A soft approach to the IRA by Irish-Americans, as if the organization were the heir of legitimate independence fighters, funded the deaths of innocent British and Irish citizens for years. Political and economic considerations have so far prevented *the West from examining closely Pakistan's* alleged involvement in terrorist outrages in India – from the Bombay stock exchange bombing to this week's kidnapping of tourists.

The UN is now drafting a new international law *to allow authorities to arrest and prosecute anyone* who harms UN peacekeepers or relief workers anywhere in the world. A law already exists to allow for hijackers to be apprehended, and Libya's failure to extradite the PanAm bomb suspects has brought comprehensive sanctions on its head. The world's policemen should be protected by laws as strong as those that protect national police. But international law needs to be taken many steps further to protect everyone from the new wave of terrorists, who seem to think the post-Cold War world is their private playground.



Self-bashing is in vogue again

MOSHE ZAK

AFTER the Israel-Jordan peace treaty was signed, advocates of "withdrawal at any cost" accused Israel's leaders of missing past opportunities for a treaty with Jordan. What they ignored was that previous governments had secured de-facto peace with Jordan, developing neighborly relations.

Anyone who talks about missed opportunities doesn't understand one simple fact: until May 29 this year, it was Hussein who would explain to his Israeli interlocutors that he couldn't sign a separate peace treaty with us.

Self-flagellation over lost opportunities isn't directed only at Golda Meir, whom the proponents of this fashion have chosen to make their punching bag. It has more immediate significance.

The criticism clearly avers that, in negotiating peace, Israel shouldn't *insist on its own terms but accept the* other side's demands in toto, thus achieving peace on the adversary's terms.

These critics are prisoners of a "conception" which posits that progress to peace depends only on Israeli retreat – as though the Arab states had always been ready for peace, and only Israel stood in their way.

In fact, Hussein was the only Arab leader through all the years who wanted peace with Israel. But, out of *fear of his Arab neighbors, he was* forced to make do with peace surrogates, in the form of many arrangements with Israel.

Israel's growing strength diminished the threat from these warmongers and induced Hussein to take the decisive step of signing a peace treaty openly.

THERE ARE four myths about those "lost opportunities" for making peace with Jordan: the myth of territorial compromise; the *Jarring myth*; the myths of the Jericho Corridor, and the London Agreement.

● The territorial compromise myth: There are people now who argue that, had Israel shown more generosity in its territorial offers, Hussein would have signed a peace treaty as far back as 1968.

Fact: Hussein rejected not only the Allon Plan, but also any other territorial compromise. And Egypt's Col. Nasser not only forbade *him* to conduct open negotiations with Israel because "that would be an admission of Israeli victory," but explicitly limited him to negotiating "only with the *Americans*." A peace treaty, which would have had to be made public, *was out of the question*.

● The Jarring myth: Not even the UN envoy was sufficient camouflage for open talks with Israel in 1969-70. But after Hussein put down Yasser Arafat's abortive uprising and Israel broke off the Jarring-brokered talks with Egypt, deputy prime minister Yigal Allon suggested, in October 1970, that the Jordanians renew contacts through Gunnar Jarring. Jordan turned the suggestion down, saying it would not negotiate without Egyptian *participation*.

The allegation that Israel missed that particular opportunity is thus unfounded.

● The Jericho Corridor myth: Yitzhak Rabin has been blamed for preventing Allon (in the summer of 1974, when Rabin was premier) from submitting a plan calling for a partial accommodation based on "the Jericho Corridor" to the Jordanians. In fact, even before Rabin, Allon and Peres met with Hussein on August 29 of that year, Golda Meir had proposed such a corridor to the king at two separate meetings in January and March.

Hussein rejected the proposal out of hand, demanding a withdrawal from the Jordan Valley. It wasn't Rabin's concern over a cabinet crisis with the National Religious Party, but Hussein's inability to accept the Israeli plan, which thwarted it.

Later, Hussein accused Israel of refusing to withdraw *partially, thereby causing his setback at the Rabat* Arab summit conference. However, he was not referring to the Jericho Corridor plan, but rather to a withdrawal *from the Jordan Valley*.

Israel missed opportunities for a treaty with Jordan? It's a myth

● The 1987 London Agreement: This myth, *now again in circulation*, is more sophisticated. The impression being created is that there was a peace settlement with Hussein, but that it was foiled by the Israeli government.

That isn't the case. There was no agreement on substantive matters, only a procedural one to hold an international conference. In return for then-foreign minister Peres's agreement to the principle of an international conference, Hussein accepted the clause that the conference would not come to any binding decisions, but would break up into separate *committees*.

In the public debate that accompanied the agreement, an "achievement" was perceived in Hussein's agreeing to exclude the PLO; but Jordanian declarations soon after made it clear that Jordan supported the inclusion of the PLO.

The London Agreement drew no criticism in the Arab world, since it *suited the Arab goal of dragging Israel* into an international conference under the auspices of the five Great Powers. The Arabs appreciated Hussein's achievement in getting Peres to agree to the conference, *since this* caused the US, too, to change its stand on such a conference, from absolute opposition to support.

The agreement strengthened Hussein's standing in the Arab world, but contained no component of peace with Israel.

These components were attained in secret talks between Israeli premiers and the Jordanian king, both before and after the London Agreement. It is a fact that after prime *minister Yitzhak Shamir vetoed Peres's London* Agreement, King Hussein met with Shamir in London and didn't even mention the agreement.

The critics have chosen to target Golda Meir, alleging she was to blame for Jordan entering the 1948 war, by not being sufficiently flexible in her talks with King *Abdullah* two days before war broke out.

What flexibility would they have wanted from her? To agree to the king's proposal that the Tel Aviv *district become an autonomous* Jewish zone within a Jordanian kingdom, with Jerusalem as the kingdom's capital? Chaim Weizmann had already rejected this idea of Abdullah's in 1947, when it was brought to him at his home in Rehovot by Sir Alec Kirkbride, Britain's envoy in Amman.

When Weizmann heard that Abdullah was planning to make Jerusalem the capital of his kingdom, he exclaimed: "What? Shall a stranger sit on King David's throne? Absolutely not!"

Was Weizmann's *rejection* of Abdullah's plan also a "missed opportunity" for a settlement with Jordan?

If accepting our adversaries' demands indiscriminately has become the rule, perhaps we should yield to Syria's Hafez Assad now, without further reservations?

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

The legal man with a split personality

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

THIS week, the Knesset Law Committee put off consideration of a bill to provide a legal adviser for the Knesset, because of its implications with regard to the status of the attorney-general, *the legal adviser to the government*.

The title of this office is an inheritance from the British Mandate, but its content is very much a homegrown Israeli invention. Once upon a time, that in itself was sufficient proof of legitimacy and merit. Today, *we are not so sure*.

Ironically, perhaps, the innovative feature in the office of attorney-general is precisely the absence of responsibility to the Knesset.

In Britain, the attorney-general is a minister and a member of parliament, answerable to the House of Commons *for his actions. In Israel, the* independence of the institution of attorney-general, lauded by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss in opposing the proposal to provide the Knesset with its own legal adviser, is the independence from parliamentary control.

What takes its place? The conventional answer is the rule of law, free of the taint of party interference that parliamentary responsibility might entail.

In an extreme case of abuse of discretion by the attorney-general, the answer is the High Court of Justice. The result: Issues that in other democracies would be debated in the legislature are decided by the court.

It is a real possibility that the so-called independence of the attorney-general from political control is a potent factor in the politicization of the judiciary.

But should the attorney-general be truly independent of governmental control?

In the performance of his role in the administration of criminal justice, the answer is certainly affirmative. But in his role as legal adviser to the government, his independence could *leave his client without a champion in* the legal arena.

This is exactly what happened to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the Deri affair, the swan song of retiring Attorney-General Yosef Harish.

Unless Rabin has an uncontrollable death wish, it must be assumed that he made his choice of Harish's successor with the intention of ensuring there would be no repetition of the sorry spectacle of the prime minister being left unrepresented before the High Court.

THERE IS an inevitable conflict of interest in the role of the attorney-general when public prosecutions involve public figures.

How can the attorney-general both *prosecute* Aryeh Deri and advise and represent the government that wants to keep him in its coalition?

One answer is to separate the two roles: to turn over the criminal prosecution job to the state attorney, and *free the attorney-general to perform* the role of legal adviser to the government, without the impediment of conflicting institutional interests.

Another answer is to recognize that the government has a legitimate need for a lawyer who is on its side, who will advise it how to accomplish its policy objectives within the framework of the rule of law.

If it is true, as a Justice Ministry spokesman declared this week, that the attorney-general is responsible for maintaining public morality in government – as a defender of the public *interest rather than as a servant of the* cabinet – then there is a job opening that any prudent prime minister would want to have in friendly hands.

American presidents also want to have their own lawyers. That is why Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed a political adviser, Samuel Rosenman, *as his counsel*. The appointment was opposed by Attorney-General Francis Biddle as an infringement of the role of the attorney-general as legal adviser to the government. (Sound familiar?)

The compromise that was reached was that Rosenman's title was changed from "counsel to the president" to "special counsel to the president." Since then, every American president has had his own lawyer.

The consequence of turning the attorney-general into a quasi-judge, not just in his prosecutorial role, but as legal adviser to the government, is that the prime minister has to act in ways contrary to prevailing norms in order to fulfill his legitimate need for legal counsel.

On occasion, this has meant turning to other governmental and even *private sources of legal advice*. It would be much simpler and above board to let the premier have his own lawyer and be done with it.

Of course, the attorney-general is the prime minister's lawyer, especially if his government has made the appointment. It is understandable that the prime minister expects the attorney-general to act like one.

If we really want to further the image of the attorney-general as quasi-judge, then his appointment (and dismissal) should be taken out of the hands of the prime minister and of the government.

Or perhaps we should give up our attempt at originality and return to the British model. That would mean placing the powers of the attorney-general in the hands of an outright political *appointee who is responsible to the* Knesset, like the minister of justice.

The real example of independence in defending the rule of law these days is provided by Justice Minister *David Liba'i, not by the attorney-*general.

The writer is a legal and political commentator.

The attorney-general's roles are in conflict. They must be separated

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOOTNOTE OF HISTORY

Sir, – In early autumn 1949, Rabbi Shlomo Goren came to me and asked me to make every effort to get to the Jordanians to allow him to retrieve the bodies of Israel's fallen in the War of Independence.

I raised the matter in the Armistice Commission but got little response. Some weeks later, however, I was given £23,000 to hand over to the Jordanians to distribute to former Arab Legion prisoners-of-war for work they had done whilst in captivity. I informed my Jordanian colleagues and asked them if he had any news about the return of bodies. They replied in the negative and said angrily that they could see no connection between the two matters. I agreed *with them that there was no* connection.

They asked for the money, but I told them that I felt I should hand it personally to each of the ex-prisoners to assure that each got the correct amount due to him. Clearly the suggestion was not received enthusiastically. When I suggested that if I was busy with the return of the bodies, I would have to ask them to take the distribution of the money upon themselves, an agreement was quickly reached.

I informed Rabbi Goren, who was delighted. I asked two things of him – not to offer any money, as the operation had been paid for and for additional money the Arabs might produce remains that had no connection to our soldiers; and not to permit himself to be blindfolded, as I considered this was unbecoming for an Israeli colonel. He agreed to the conditions and breached them both, as his one and only concern was to get back *all the bodies of our soldiers for proper* burial.

Rabbi Goren did a thorough job. His compensation was that he had asked and been permitted to pray at Rachel's Tomb, on the way to Gush Etzion. With no fear for his personal safety, he followed up every clue and bit of *information to assure that all* the soldiers who died in the battles of the Gush, of Latrun and of Jenin, in fact all who had remained on the Jordanian side of the armistice lines and in the no-man's-land, would be properly reburied in Israel.

SHAUL RAMATI

Jerusalem.

PEACE WITH JORDAN

Sir, – *The day of the signature of* the peace agreement was indeed a memorable and proud day for the people of Israel and of Jordan. I congratulate the king of Jordan and our prime minister for this big achievement: it is a tremendous step forward on the road to peace in our time.

President Clinton and Prime Minister Rabin have far exceeded my expectations and I am happy that I and my husband voted for both. Maybe these events will inspire the rest of the Middle East to follow in their footsteps.

MOLLY KREISLER

Netanya.

THANK YOU, *MR. KRISTIANSEN*

Sir – I should like to convey to Kaare Kristiansen my deepest appreciation for his decision resign from the Nobel Peace Prize committee.

It is a sad day for mankind when such an honorable and coveted award is bestowed upon a bloody murderer, terrorist leader and war criminal like Arafat.

A man of principles like Mr. Kristiansen is the exception to the rule. Norway should be proud to have its *citizens among a man of his caliber*, who is prepared to stand up and be counted.

BERTHA CAFREY

Haifa.

"POST" ADS

Sir, – On October 21, you published an ad offering assistance to potential yordim who wish information on a green card lottery in the US. I find it incredible that a strong Zionist newspaper such as yours would assist yordim.

Perhaps a moment's reflection would have brought the realization that such ads usually offer those who reply the chance to be parted from their money.

HAROLD M. BAILIN

Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Post does not censor ads on the basis of ideology. Complaints of fraud will be referred to the police. – *Ed. J.P.*

POSTSCRIPT

A GERMAN tourist who complained to Miami hotel keepers about a foul odor in his room unknowingly spent the night sleeping in a bed that concealed a corpse.

The badly decomposed body of a woman was found under the bed. A maid discovered the corpse while investigating the guest's complaint about a horrible smell.

Police were checking hotel records to see who else had recently used the room. A detective said foul play is suspected because of the location of the body. "When you find somebody under the bed, it's not a place where somebody normally passes away," he said.

CHAIN LETTERS are a form of virus, infecting the minds of their recipients and multiplying with the energy of the common cold, two *experts are arguing*.

According to Richard Dawkins, an Oxford University geneticist, and Oliver Goodenough, of the Vermont Law School, chain letters fulfill the definition of a biological virus.

"A virus is a piece of code that promotes its own replication," they told a science journal. "Viruses are parasitic in that the energy and other costs of duplication are borne by the hosts and not by the virus." Chain letters do just this, they said.

AN EAR-PIERCING establishment in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, pierced the ears of an 11-month-old girl who was brought in by her 16-year-old mother, but had refused to do the mother's. According to *Washington City Paper*, the proprietor explained that the daughter had her mother's permission, but that he couldn't do the mother's ears because she was under 18 and thus needed *her* mother's permission.

Sinwa

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This was truly a capital offense

CHAIM HERZOG

'Clinton Day' in Jerusalem was the story of a brutal takeover

TO one who spent many years on the Jordanian front confronting the Arab Legion, the signing of the peace treaty with Jordan was a unique experience. Suddenly, all the figures who had faced us, whose moves we had followed, came alive.

I had to keep reminding myself that it wasn't a dream. I was participating in a ceremony I never believed we would live to experience.

What also impressed me was the feeling of deja vu which characterized the many meetings at the ceremony. The Jordanians weren't strangers to us, and we weren't strangers to them. In conversations with former prime ministers Zaid Rifai and Zaid Ben-Shaker, it emerged that they were completely familiar with everything happening in Israel: in the Knesset, in local government, in party politics.

This bore striking testimony to the role television played in bypassing borders and removing obstacles, as East German and Hungarian TV did when they helped bring down the barriers surrounding East Germany.

This crucial function has been carried out extremely effectively over the years by Israel Television's Arabic service and Israel Radio's Arabic programs. The degree of democracy enjoyed by Israel's Arab population has been evident in the regular broadcasts on government, the Knesset and Israeli politics. This surely helped encourage a taste for democracy in Jordan.

The state event, planned under considerable time constraints, was characterized by excellent organization. Those responsible deserve full credit.

THE SAME isn't true of President Clinton's visit to Israel.

The president's appearance before the Knesset was dignified, and his speech was outstanding – moving and sincere. And the favorable reaction in the US undoubtedly gave him a necessary political boost.

Hinting at the free-for-all that characterizes Knesset proceedings, Clinton noted that he felt at home in Israel's parliament. His speech differed markedly from others made to the Knesset by presidents and heads of state.

But the president's trip was marred by the American secret service's brutal takeover of a sovereign country, hampering that country's control of its affairs.

It is unheard of for a foreign element to dictate interior arrangements in an independent state; to sever the main highway leading to its capital for hours on end; to paralyze the capital and behave in a way that can only be described as hysterical. The security people traveled with loaded weapons aimed at a peaceful and friendly population.

I recall a similar event, though smaller in scope, when George Bush visited the country as vice-president. Then, 25 security and protocol Americans presented themselves at Beit Hanassi demanding to inspect the presidential residence in anticipation of the dinner in Bush's honor.

I didn't agree to one of them entering the building, pointing out that we wouldn't dream of making such a request when our leaders visited the White House.

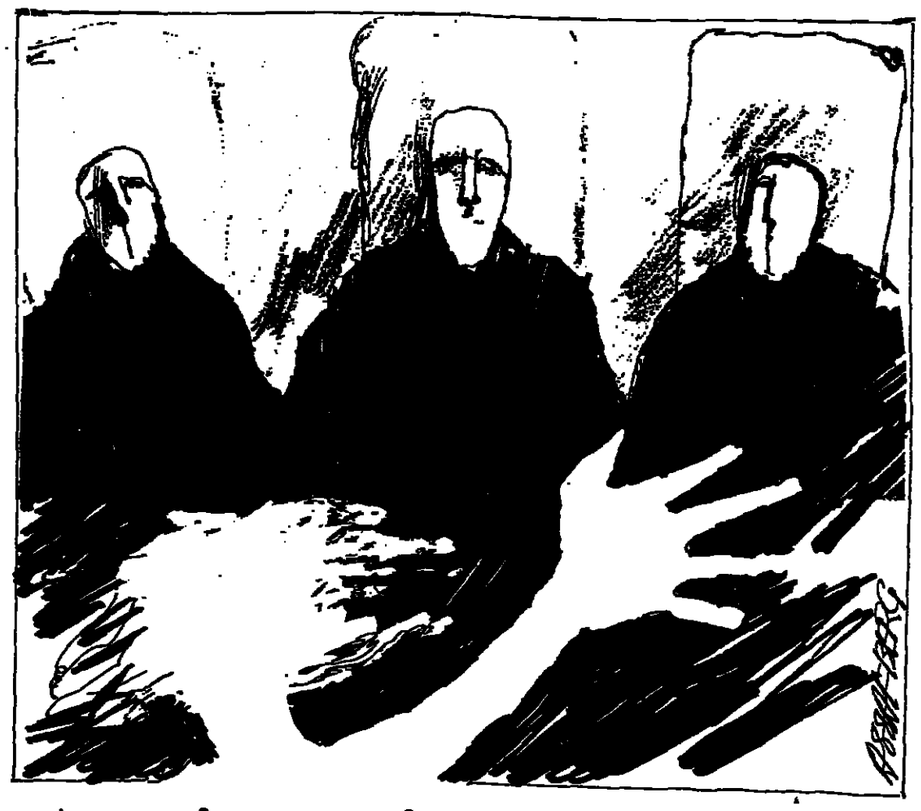
This strange behavior scaled new heights when the Americans asked to install a red telephone (in the event of World War III) in the house. This request was refused. As a compromise, they were permitted to install the telephone in the gatehouse.

I have no wish to belittle the importance of security arrangements for so central a figure. On my many state visits, I came under the protection of security organizations on all five continents. I would rely on our security service in preference to the army of security people which accompanied President Clinton.

A question: If such a situation really calls for closing down part of the country, why isn't equally stringent security instituted when the president of the State of Israel or its prime minister travels along the same roads? Is their security less important to us than a distinguished visitor's?

It was wrong for an independent state to permit a foreign element to change its daily national routine, and disturb its citizens' life in such an extreme manner.

The writer was Israel's sixth president.



A miscarriage of justice

JON SIMONS

Women like Carmela Buhbut must be empowered so that the battering can never begin

THE seven-year prison sentence to which Carmela Buhbut was recently condemned isn't as final as Thelma and Louise's demise at the end of the movie, but the message is the same: The patriarchal order will not tolerate women who take up arms against rapists and wife-batterers.

Louise, whom we later learn was once raped herself, shoots the man whom she had forced at gunpoint to stop raping her friend Thelma, because he continued to be verbally abusive.

In real life, Carmela Buhbut shot a husband who had beaten and abused her for 24 years, following an incident in which he stabbed her.

Like the cop who tries to persuade Louise to give herself up, the court appeared sympathetic to Buhbut's plight. But in both *Thelma and Louise* and the Buhbut case, putting sympathy into practice was made conditional on the women accepting the rules and procedures laid down by men.

The three wise patriarchs who sat in judgment on Carmela Buhbut insisted that she should have complained to police, and that she hadn't killed her husband in self-defense.

The world they live in is apparently much less realistic than the movies. In their world, police deal promptly and sympathetically with domestic violence. There are enough social workers to intervene in such cases, and enough shelters for battered women. And victims of years of abuse can make cool, detached assessments (like judges) of the complex emotional dynamics which bind them to their destructive situations.

Yet not the judges but the law itself is to blame for this miscarriage of justice.

According to the legal definition of self-defense, which describes a situation in which a stranger leaps out at you from a dark alley wielding a knife, Carmela Buhbut didn't kill in self-defense.

This definition was designed by men, for men. It is thus inapplicable to battered women, who don't wait until their husbands are about to kill them, but act when they can. Unlike the IDF, battered women aren't allowed to carry out pre-emptive strikes or hit those who terrorize them, unless they are actually attacking.

BUT REFORMING the law is hardly a solution. Including battered women in the definition of self-defense would certainly be more just to women, but it amounts to alleviation of tragic circumstances.

The social balance of power between men and women must be transformed, so that women like Carmela Buhbut will be sufficiently empowered never to allow abuse to begin.

The law assumes that all adults are equally autonomous individuals, with enough self-esteem to stand up for their own rights and interests. It does nothing to make that fiction actual, and is thus frequently inappropriate for those who do not enjoy social privilege.

Not so long ago, women had to fight to be recognized as legal persons entitled to rights independently of their husbands. But the legal equality established is nominal, and will remain so as long as the law is for men, in a man's world.

The best that can be done in the meantime is to establish more shelters for the 170,000-200,000 battered women in Israel.

Such shelters, properly run, aren't merely temporary refuges, but places where women can rebuild their self-esteem, learn to reject abuse and discover that wife-battering isn't their fault, that it is a problem for all women.

As far as possible, the shelters should be run by independent women's organizations, because it is most likely that they will be able to bring battered and other women to an awareness that the violence turned against them by individual men is part of a wider pattern of male supremacy.

It is not surprising that the police, the courts and the law have proved relatively ineffective in dealing with such violence, since they are part of the problem.

This is the implicit message of wife battering: It's still a man's world, and anyone who objects to that had better be well-informed about the power structure, well-organized, and probably well-armed.

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Bill Clinton's been to his Bitburg

A.M. ROSENTHAL

In Syria, the local SS isn't buried, but at work every moment

SINCE President Clinton had to conclude his pilgrimage to Syria without getting any decent peace newsbreaks for his trouble, or time to take the exciting tourist trip to the two dozen torture centers of Damascus or the mortar ranges of the rich variety of terrorist camps, I thought he might be in the mood for a nice Hasidic joke.

The villager dies and it falls to the rabbi to make the eulogy. He cannot bring himself to shade the truth while wearing a prayer shawl, so he tells it to Heaven straight: the man lying here was a killer, a thief, a rapist, and goodbye to bad rubbish.

Somebody in the congregation hollers out: "Can't you think of one good word to say about him?"

The rabbi thinks, nods, and lifts his eyes upward.

"But O Lord," he says, "just wait till you have to meet his brother!"

Mr. Clinton: the man you honored and strengthened with a visit from the US president is the brother of the man against whom you so recently dispatched US troops.

Hafez Assad and Saddam Hussein are both longtime dictators of one-"party" states. Both make death the price of dissent, thousands upon thousands of deaths, by bullet or noose for the lucky, by the flaying of the flesh for others. Both support terrorist gangs that prey on civilians around the world.

And both have mounted wars of colonization against their neighbors. The US and allies flew to push Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. They did nothing to stop Syria's war against Lebanon. Mr. Clinton's visit accentuates the West's placid acceptance of the conquest of that lovely land and its talented people.

So there is one difference, after all. President Hussein has shown himself to be a stupid, a loser. President Assad is neither.

He only lost once – to the Israelis, who are now ready to give back the same commanding Golan Heights Syria forfeited in 1967.

Well, you might say, as Mr. Clinton did on the flight from Damascus, that at least Mr. Assad always keeps his word. You might, but it is not so.

THIS MIDEAST fairy tale comes from the fact that Syria has generally observed the 1974 separation-of-forces agreement with Israel. (The pact was a historic achievement for Henry Kissinger.) But the Israelis could then have clobbered Syria with the Golan Heights in their command, and the road to Damascus leading straight and short from it.

In *Syria Beyond the Peace Process*, an important forthcoming book by Daniel Pipes, editor of the *Middle East Quarterly*, the author points out that Mr. Assad broke other military agreements with Israel. In 1976, for instance, Syria violated its pledge not to station aircraft, surface-to-air missiles or more than one brigade of soldiers in Lebanon.

But the real danger and delusion is the whole US approach that Syria is important only in relation to Israel, as Mr. Pipes details. That concept obliterates Lebanon and the three times Mr. Assad made international promises to get out and broke them.

It helps the Syrian dictator destroy his people. He builds his armed power steadily not just against Israel, but the enemy so dreaded by all dictators: his own countrymen.

Syria and its Iranian ally do not maintain terrorists just against Israel, but against the West. I understand Israel wants to "subcontract" to Syria the control of Hizbullah forces in Lebanon now firing on the Israeli army.

But that will not stop the murder of Israeli and Western civilians by Hizbullah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and a dozen similar terrorist groups maintained by Syria. Terrorization of civilians is part of Mr. Assad's method of operation, of survival.

It is not the duty of American presidents to destroy all foreign dictatorships. But it is their duty not to strengthen them. Mr Clinton said it magnificently in Milwaukee on October 1, 1992, when running for president.

But from morning to morning, we do not know if he will oppose a dictatorship, as he did in Iraq and Haiti, or assist one: China and Syria.

When President Reagan was about to visit Bitburg, where German SS troops are buried, Elie Wiesel pleaded with him: "That place, Mr. President, is not your place."

President Clinton has been to his Bitburg, and beyond. In Damascus, the local SS is not buried but at work every moment.

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Is your medical practitioner really qualified?

DAVID SAMSON

ALTHOUGH the new national health insurance law is almost upon us, public discussion about it has focused almost exclusively on its effects inside hospital. A major public conference on the new legislation, held recently under the auspices of a national newspaper, avoided any of its considerable community connotations.

This is strange, since most medical practice takes place outside hospitals, in community medical clinics and patients' homes.

Except at the extremes of life, for most of us, hospitalization thankfully remains a rare and transient event – unlike our frequent visits to family physicians or pediatricians for our families' everyday health concerns.

The scant attention paid to community aspects of the new law has made much of a main provision to allow us all almost complete freedom of movement between the various health funds (kupot holim) or health insurance plans (HIP), as they now prefer to be called.

No longer will any HIP be able to exclude us on grounds of age, health status or past medical history. Further, the cost of membership in all the HIPs will be the same, and each will offer a similar "basket" of medical services.

If so, what possible financial or administrative justification can there be for perpetuating separate HIPs, with all the separate bureaucracies required to run them? Initially, old political rivalries and past loyalties may be held to be sacrosanct, but in the long term, there is no tenable justification for their continued separate existence.

Eventually, all HIPs will have to merge into one large system, something akin to Britain's National Health Service, with almost complete uniformity of community-based primary-care medical services. Then the only detectable differences will be between the various furnishings of clinic facilities, and the practicing style, qualifications and professional competence of medical personnel.

INTERESTINGLY, in their recent fierce media marketing war for patients, all the HIPs have studiously avoided almost any mention of their respective employees' professional qualifications and standing, preferring instead to highlight more peripheral issues, such as hours of service and availability.

An important reason for this omission is that, unlike the professional structure in hospital, where entry onto and progression up the medical ladder is anchored in mandatory specialization and sub-specialization, as well as peer and performance review, no such vetting system exists with the medically treated public at the primary-care, community level.

In hospitals, patient protection is further buttressed by the proximity of academic medical school departments, and continuous postgraduate education programs which ensure that hospital physicians keep up to date in their area of expertise. All this underpins the high standards of hospital medical practice we have all come to expect.

Meantime, in the marketing language so much in vogue with the HIPs, community patients' watchword has to remain "let the buyer beware."

True, any community-based doctor must hold a Ministry of Health license to practice medicine; after that, however, nothing prevents him immediately beginning to treat patients without any kind of supervision, ever.

There are no formal requirements for specialization training in primary-care practice, or, indeed, for any form of continuing postgraduate education or peer or performance review.

No wonder, then, that the HIPs have remained so tight-lipped in their dealings with the public. Without any official requirements, the criteria by which they have, until now, recruited community medical personnel have constituted a rather gray area. Considerations other than qualifications, competence and professional track record may often have played a not insignificant role.

It seems incredible that ambulatory patients continue to be denied even minimal protection from potentially widespread malpractice. The time has surely come to underwrite the standard of medical practice in the community, as has been done in hospitals for many years.

The basic elements needed for setting up suitable mechanisms to oversee this already exist.

Ministry of Health specialization in family medicine and pediatrics have been on the statute books in Israel for many years, and the appropriate qualification should become mandatory for those undertaking independent community medical practice. Similarly, academic medical school departments in these specialities exist, and their expertise should be enlisted for establishing networks of relevant postgraduate educational programs for community-based practitioners.

With the advent of the new National Health Law and the amalgamation of all the HIPs which must surely follow, the Ministry of Health should grasp the opportunity to regulate community medical practice. In doing so, it will be guaranteeing acceptable standards of medical care for all patients, not just those unfortunate enough to need hospital treatment.

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Gov't raises $750m. in US loan guarantees

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE government raised $750 million in US loan guarantee funds on Wednesday, at an annual interest of 8.257 percent, the Treasury announced yesterday.

Given the present high long-term interest rates in the US, Israel raised less than half of the $1.784 billion in guarantees that are alloted to it this year.

In addition, the government borrowed for the first time $150m. of the money raised as a variable interest rate loan, which currently costs 5.76% a year, more than two percentage points below fixed rates.

The rate on the variable rate loan can go up or down during a period of five years.

Other than underwriting costs, the government paid a scoring fee of $33.75m. to the US government to cover Israel's default insurance.

Merrill Lynch was the issue's lead underwriter and was assisted by Morgan Stanley, Lehmann Brothers, Bear Stearns and D.L.G.

Finance Ministry Director-General Aharon Fogel said it was difficult to choose the underwriters due to the fierce and close competition among them.

Fogel added that the government used Merrill Lynch and D.L.G. for the first time.

The government just raised $563m. in US loan guarantees last month at a cost of 7.82%, excluding underwriting commissions, for a period of 30 years.

Last week, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the *Jerusalem Post* that Israel was getting close to the point where it will not be worthwhile to draft US loan guarantees.

Budget Director David Brodet said that when interest rates on 30-year US Treasury Bonds reach between 9% and 10%, US loan guarantee financing may become too expensive.

Presently, the annual yield of a 30-year US Treasury Bonds hovers around 8%.

Warped industrial relations won't attract foreign money

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

IN these heady days of peace treaties and mega-conferences, it is easy to lose sight of some rather more mundane issues which bode less well for the vision of peace, goodwill, and prosperity for all.

One such issue is that of industrial relations. It seems that any time a company proposes a change of structure, or especially one of ownership, its workers embark on a muscle-flexing exercise.

Yesterday, Mercantile Discount Bank employees joined Paz and Shekem workers in protesting, or threatening to protest, ownership related changes.

The High Court of Justice threw out, and rightly so, the Shekem workers' demand that it halt the company's sale until they negotiated higher severance pay and other benefits.

In general, large and powerful unions see changes of ownership, especially at politically sensitive, high-profile firms, as a *prima facie* cause for demands for improved conditions or compensation or a piece of the firm.

It is perfectly natural for employees to be concerned about changes that may result from a change in ownership. But they have no inherent right to profit from that change. Labor peace is all very well, but as long as warped norms of industrial relations prevail in this country, the foreign companies we are seeking to attract will think twice about making serious commitments here.

ICE CREAM WARS

A similar phenomenon reared its head this week in the shape of an ice cream cone. The impending threat of one of the world's most famous ice cream brands seems to have prompted the local oligopolists into adopting the defense they know best. Protectionism.

As the Ministry of Industry and Trade has agreed to impose a tariff of $1.11 a kilo on ice cream manufactured in Europe, ice cream lovers will have to pay that much more to enjoy their Haagen-Dazs when it arrives on these shores.

Fortunately, there is a good chance that the EC will retaliate against this retrograde step, but in the openness peace-dividend theorists advocate does not seem to have permeated the collective business psyche.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Five justices to hear bankers appeal: The appeal of the bankers convicted of causing the 1983 bank shares collapse will be heard in March, the Supreme Court decided yesterday. The court also decided that the case will be heard by five justices. Normally, five justices are put on a case only when it is particularly complex or sensitive. However, it also has the effect of forestalling any request for a rehearing by the losing side, since the court does not rehear cases that were heard the first time by more than three justices.

Rates of payment improving: Business Data Israel has released figures showing improved rates of payment in the Israeli market for October, 1994. Overall, 19.7% of the total market engaged in delayed payment practices.

IBA ordered to defend ads: The High Court of Justice yesterday gave the Israel Broadcasting Authority 45 days to explain why it should be allowed to continue broadcasting public service announcements. The petition was by Reshet, one of the New Channel 2 franchisees. It argues that the Second Channel Law defines public service announcements as commercial advertisements, and by law, the New Channel 2 has exclusive rights to such ads.

WORLD BRIEFS

Britain drops plan to privatize post office: Prime Minister John Major yesterday dropped plans to sell a majority stake in Britain's Post Office in the face of fierce opposition from some members of his ruling Conservative Party.

The decision, announced by the Department of Trade and Industry after a lengthy cabinet meeting, is a severe blow for Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine. *Reuter*

Euro Disney narrows loss: Losses at Euro Disney, the troubled Paris theme park, narrowed sharply in the financial year to September, the company reported yesterday.

The park said its net loss for the year to September 30 was $351m., compared with last year's $1,03 billion loss, $624m. of which was due to a change in accounting practice. *Reuter*

Boots shares fall despite profits jump: Retail and pharmaceutical group Boots Co. reported a 20% increase in first-half profits yesterday, but made cautious noises about prospects for the second half that hit the company's shares.

Pre-tax profits in the half-year to September 30 rose to £241.8m. before exceptionals from £200.8m. *Reuter*

ECI Telecom profits up 19%

RACHEL NEIMAN

ECI Telecom yesterday announced an operating profit for the third quarter of $19.5 million, 19 percent higher than the $16.39m. reported for the same period in 1993.

Net profits for the first nine months of 1994 were $44.7m. as compared with $56.4m. in 1993 on revenues of $277.8m. as compared with revenues of $2.12.5m. for the first three-quarters of 1993. Earnings per share were $0.74 for the nine-month period, compared with $0.59.

The digital telecommunication systems developer/manufacturer showed revenues of $99.2 million as compared with $77.8m. for the same period last year.

Quarterly earnings per share were $0.26 as compared with $0.22 in 1993.

ECI termed the results a "record" but stressed there were also important achievements during the quarter in all areas of development. ECI significantly increased R&D expenses for the third quarter to $12.64m., up from $9.1m. for the same period in 1993.

Knesset bars new pension funds

EVELYN GORDON

AFTER 26 hours of procedural wrangling and actual debate yesterday, the Knesset, by a vote of 8-3, finally approved a law to ban the creation of new pension funds until March 31.

The law also states that funds established after December 31, 1993 cannot invest in special 5.3% interest government bonds, a considerably higher rate than that available on the capital market.

The law was supposed to be an extension of a similar law that expired October 31. However, due to the Casablanca conference, the government neglected to bring the bill for its final reading before the old law expired. It was therefore forced to amend the bill to make the extension retroactive.

The Likud took advantage of this to wage a procedural war that kept the bill from reaching the plenum until 11 p.m. Wednesday night.

Four Likud MKs – Michael Eitan, Dan Tichon, Ariel Weinstein, and Naomi Blumenthal – then launched a filibuster, each speaking for two to three hours to explain the numerous changes they proposed to the bill.

The vote was finally held some 12 hours later.

It remains to be seen whether the fact that the bill was passed three days after the old law expired will affect its chances of being upheld in court.

On Wednesday, the High Court of Justice issued a show-cause order on a petition by Migdal Insurance Company, which asked that it be allowed to open a pension fund and invest in the special bonds.

Migdal based its petition on the fact that the court, ruling on a similar petition two weeks earlier, had said only the existence of the law made it possible to deny Migdal the right to do so.

The Treasury enacted the law out of fear that if new funds are opened before it has legislated a comprehensive pension reform, many people will abandon the Histadrut pension funds, with their large actuarial deficits, thereby threatening their survival and thousands of people's pensions.

Tower Semiconductors profits jump 69%

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

TOWER Semiconductor announced a 69% rise in net profits for the third quarter of 1994.

Net profits were $2 million for the third quarter of this year as compared with $1.2m. in the same period last year. Quarterly revenues also showed an impressive rise to $15m., 31% higher than the $11.4m. reported in the comparable period in 1993.

Earnings per share were $0.29 as compared with $0.18 shown in the third quarter of last year.

The company commenced operations in March, 1993 and made its initial public offering last month, raising $42,000,000 through a public offering on the NASDAQ of 3 million shares at $14 per share.

• **Magal Security Systems** has posted 1994 third quarter net profits of $531,000 as compared with a net loss of $198,000 for the same period in 1993, on revenues of $4.42m. as compared with $2m. in quarterly revenues last year.

The company said that the $5m. defense department order for a security fence along the Gaza autonomous region border had been increased to $6.5m. during the third quarter. Company chairman Coby Even-Ezra said Magal expected to complete 85% of the fence before the end of 1994.

• **Ganel Hadar Tourist Enterprises** has announced higher net profits for the third quarter of 1994, at NIS 1m. as compared with NIS 320,000 in the same period last year. Revenues were NIS 10.7m. compared with NIS 9.6m. in 1993. Earnings per share increased significantly to NIS 0.07 in contrast to NIS 0.02 for the third quarter of the previous year.

The company said that due to the Hebron massacre and terrorist activity over the third quarter, the tourism industry suffered as a whole. The drop in tourism was balanced out by increased revenues from Israeli vacationers due to the early Succot holiday. Subsidiary Marina Kinneret received NIS 5.7m. on sale of properties.

Mercantile Discount staff looks for post-sale protection

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MERCANTILE Discount Bank workers plan to hire two prominent lawyers to help them maintain their work rights after Israel Discount Bank sells half its shares in the bank.

Ori Simbony, temporary chairman of Mercantile's workers committee, said the employees are concerned their rights and conditions will be endangered by the sale. At the start of this week, the Bank of Israel announced Israel Discount Bank must sell the half-share of Mercantile Discount Bank it acquired from Barclays Bank within 180 days.

Discount Bank chairman Gideon Lahav plans to meet with Mercantile's workers committee and bank managing director Moshe Gavish next week to discuss the sale.

Discount's management is currently engaged in deciding on the best way to sell half its stake in Mercantile. Management face two main options: sell the shares to one investor who will become an equal partner in Mercantile, or sell them to the public, through a share offering on the stock exchange.

British businessman Bernard Schreier, who was on the verge of purchasing the shares from Barclays Bank in January 1993, has expressed interest in buying the Barclays shares.

Group supports law to raise level of public firms' outside directors

RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Organization of Public Companies listed on the TASE has come out in support of a new law proposed by MK Sylvan Shalom, intended to raise the level of outside directors serving in public companies.

The position is one unique to Israel, where outside directors are supposed to protect the interests of the investing public.

Shalom has suggested adopting criteria used in selecting outside directors serving on government compnay boards. This would include ensuring that outside directors hold college degrees and have relevant business backgrounds, preferably in the company's field of activity.

However, the organization opposes Shalom's proposal that outside director nominations be handled by a publicly nominated panel.

Amitzur Shlesky, director-general of the Organization of Public Companies, who served on the Knesset sub-committee debating the proposal, has suggested that a pool be formed from which such directors would be chosen.

Securities Authority chief Aryeh Mintkevich had suggested abolishing the position of outside director. Shelsky disagreed, saying the outside director law was an important one, adding there were no positive criteria for nomination of outside directors, only negative. "The Organization of Public Companies supports MK Sylvan Shalom's suggestion to establish 'positive criteria' necessary to ensure proper control of outsider directors' impact on the decisions made by interest holders in public companies."

Knesset closes tax loophole

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Knesset yesterday adopted an amendment eliminating a tax loophole which exempted industrial concerns from paying tax on their capital gains by means of a public issue.

The Knesset voted to eliminate a provision of the Industrial Encouragement Law which exempts industrial concern shareholders from paying taxes on capital gains from the issue of stock on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, as long as they hold onto the shares for five years.

The repeal of the loophole is not retroactive, so that it will not affect shareholders of industrial companies that previously went public.

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WORLD MARKET REPORTS

• There has been no change in the markets' focus on the US$ and T-bonds. The dollar's weakness is based on fundamentals and further falls are still widely expected. There has as yet been no concerted central bank intervention, as in May and June, but this is expected at ¥95/$ or ¥92/$. However, many still feel that ¥90/$ is a realistic down-side target. Until this situation is resolved, T-Bonds cannot recover - the benchmark 30 year yield reached 8.11% on Wednesday.

• Other govt. bond markets and global equity markets will remain unsettled by developments in the US. US jobs' data today will determine the short-term. The markets have now discounted a 50bps rise in rates, but are unsure that this will be enough.

• In Europe, the German equity market is well-supported at 2030, and the UK is testing support at 3060-3070. These levels should hold only if there is some stability in bond markets. Dollar weakness hurts the top 100 UK shares, as they have an high proportion of US$ earnings. The UK corporate results season has started satisfactorily, but good results have led to profit-taking. Our Cable & Wireless buyers await next week's interim figures with interest.

• In the Asia-Pacific Region, Hong Kong is uncertain and volatile, despite the Sino-British rapprochement over funding for the new airport. Without stability in the US, advances will prove difficult. Our clients are showing buying interest on weakness in leaders, specifically Swire Pacific A and Cheung Kong. Forced selling in Kuala Lumpur has driven the index below 1100; confidence and interest are low, but the market should try to rally at 1050. Singapore is also unsettled by the US, and by weakness in Malaysian stocks quoted OTC.

• In South Africa, our recent recommendation, NSA Investments has steadily risen from R6.50 to R7.55, and is still attracting buyers taking a two year view. The Company is the new investment vehicle for Arnie Witkin and Leonard Fine, who made their reputations in the 1980's with New Bernica.

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Pioneer International Presents Mr. Mike Farrell
Managing Director-UAL Management Company

- Topic: Future economic outlook for the 'new' S.A.
- Venue: Ramada Continental Hotel, Tel Aviv
- Registration: 7:30 p.m.
- DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 1994

Contact Pioneer at 03-6951375

South African Economic Statistics

			Prices 2.11.94	Prices 26.10.94	%Change
Exchange rates (buy)	Commercial Rand/$	:	3.497	3.493	-0.11%
	Financial Rand/$	:	4.030	3.955	-1.90%
	Commercial Rand/£	:	5.712	5.711	-0.01%
Interest rates (Ry)*	Money Market (BAs)	:	12.25%	12.10%	1.24%
	Escom 2008	:	15.90%	15.84%	0.38%
	Escom 2020	:	16.72%	16.85%	-0.77%
	RSA 150	:	15.52%	15.52%	0.00%
	UAL Max Income	:	14.89%	14.97%	-0.53%
Prices: Unit (buy)	OM Investors	:	R 41.8966	41.8640	0.08%
	Escom 168	:	69.20202	69.42293	-0.32%
	Guardbank	:	36.3025	36.0507	0.70%
	UAL Gilt	:	11.4101	11.3903	0.17%
	UAL Max Income	:	10.1145	10.096	0.18%
Shares: (close)	De Beers	:	96.50	99.25	-2.77%
	Vaal Reef	:	414.00	429.00	-3.50%
	Anglo American	:	237.50	234.50	1.07%
	Barlows	:	32.00	31.25	2.40%
	SA Brews	:	94.00	91.00	3.30%
	Sasol	:	34.75	35.25	-1.42%
	Tiger Oats	:	46.00	47.00	-2.13%
	Iscor	:	4.65	4.79	-2.92%
	JSE Actuaries Overall	:	5,708	5,701	0.13%

*RY – running yield.

Comments: Fears regarding President Mandela's health sent the financial markets into turmoil and the Financial Rand fell to a low point of R4.095 to the US Dollar. Foreign investors see Mandela as the key to a secure and stable S.A.

The Firrand's discount to the Commercial Rand widened to 14%, up from a low of 10% last month. The rumours about Mandela also affected the Gilt markets, and rates were driven higher. Economists said that inflation could reach 12% by year's end, if the current trend of price increases persists. Higher inflation together with the deficit on the balance of payments as a result of the poor trade figures could force the Reserve Bank to hike the bank rate.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (4.11.94)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.875	5.250	5.875
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.500	5.000	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.125	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (3.11.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3570	3.4150	—	—	3.3968
U.S. dollar	2.9831	3.0252	2.93	3.07	3.0080
German mark	1.9684	1.9992	1.93	2.03	1.9976
Pound sterling	4.8452	4.9135	4.75	4.97	4.8533
French franc	0.5748	0.5829	0.56	0.59	0.5799
Japanese yen (100)	3.0565	3.0996	3.00	3.15	3.0578
Dutch florin	1.7573	1.7822	1.73	1.81	1.7791
Swiss franc	2.3561	2.3924	2.32	2.45	2.3816
Swedish krona	0.4104	0.4162	0.40	0.42	0.4138
Norwegian krone	0.4527	0.4591	0.44	0.47	0.4559
Danish krone	0.5032	0.5103	0.49	0.52	0.5078
Finnish mark	0.6417	0.6507	0.63	0.66	0.6488
Canadian dollar	2.1960	2.2270	2.16	2.26	2.2192
Australian dollar	2.2135	2.2447	2.16	2.27	2.2351
S. African rand	0.8501	0.8631	0.77	0.99	0.8573
Belgian franc (10)	0.9581	0.9716	0.94	0.99	0.9663
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7971	2.8366	2.75	2.88	2.8254
Italian lira (1000)	1.9221	1.9492	1.86	1.99	1.9356
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.22	4.49	4.2714
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.90	0.8832
ECU	3.7512	3.8042	—	—	3.7886
Irish punt	4.7727	4.8400	4.67	4.95	4.8197
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3657	2.3980	2.30	2.46	2.3851

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0080	+0.17%
Sterling	NIS 4.8833	-0.73%
Mark	NIS 1.9876	-1.12%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3838.81	+1.88
DJ Transport	1515.81	-3.03
DJ Util	180.13	+0.92
DJ Comp	1290.21	+0.37
NYSE Industr	323.59	+0.47
NYSE Transport	233.59	-0.66
NYSE Comp	258.4	+0.42
S&P 100	433.75	+0.67
S&P Spot index	467.4	+0.88
AMEX Comp	454.19	+0.01

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	760	1043	1078

Volume up (in 1000's) 132081
Volume down (in 1000's) 94261

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3104.3	+23.1
Tokyo Nikkei average	19750.6	0
Singapore all-share index	575.15	-5.68
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9491.96	+40.2
Israel index	112.38	+0.19

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	48	0
Ampal A	7.875	-0.125
Aryt	1.875	+0.0625
BioTechnology	1.9375	+0
Carmel Cont	8.375	0
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.75	0
Elscint	2	+0
Etz Lavud	8.625	+0
Etz Lavud A	8.625	+0.125
Laser Ind	8.625	+0.125
PEC	28.125	-0.5
Tadiran	20.5	-0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	9	-0.625
4TH. Dimension	8.8125	-0.8125
Ampal 6.6	22.5	
BVR	5.75	+0.5
Comverse	13.625	-0.375
Data (Defense)	8.875	+0.375
ECI	19.85	-1.25
Edusoft	8.25	+0.125
Edu-Soft	8.5	+0.185
Electric Fuel	5.875	0
EFFI	27	+0.875
Elbit	29.5	-1
Elron	8.125	0
Eshed Robotec	0.625	-0.03125
Fibronix	1	+0
M. Systems	4	-0.03125
Gilat	14	-0.125
ISG	2.25	-0.125
Geotek	8.0625	-0.1875
Health Tech	2	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 3-NOV-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.6165	-0.008
	Dec.future (CME)	1.6168	-0.004
D-mark:	spot	1.5197	+0.0053
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6593	-0.0005
S-franc:	spot	1.2685	+0.0005
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7901	-0.002
Yen:	spot	97.76	+0.37
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010273	-1.1e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3587	+0.0027
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7362	-0.0014
AusDlr:	spot	0.7432	+0.0004
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7412	+0.0001
F-franc:	spot	5.211	+0.0215
It Lira:	spot	1558.5	+1
Nlg:	spot	1.7007	+0.003
AusShlg:	spot	10.715	+0.13
Rand:	spot	3.5075	+0.0105
ECU:	spot	1.255	-0.0026
Bonds	future	98.8125	-0.25
S and P	future	468.3	+1.45

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.75	+0.0625
Dollar	6 months	6.0625	+0.0625
Dollar	12 months	6.6875	+0.0625
Sterling	3 months	6.1875	0
Sterling	6 months	6.625	0
Sterling	12 months	7.4375	0
S-franc	3 months	4.0625	0
S-franc	6 months	4.25	0
S-franc	12 months	4.625	0
D-mark	3 months	5.1875	0
D-mark	6 months	-	-
D-mark	12 months	5.625	0
Yen	3 months	-	-
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	2.8125	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CSC)	1319	-7
Coffee (Dec) (CSC)	160.7	+2.4
Sugar no.11 (Mar.) (CSC)	13.18	-0.08
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	397.75	-4.8
Soybeans(Jan)(CBOT)	552	+0.5
Orange juice (Jan)(CSC)	113.65	+1.35
Crude oil light (Dec)(CSC)	18.9	-0.08

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	945	+2
Coffee (Jan) (LCE)	3583	+19
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1767	+7

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	383.75	-0.5
Silver:	spot	5.25	-0.04

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	384.4	-1.1
Silver (Dec)	5.257	-0.048
Platinum (Jan.)	419.4	-2.1
Palladium (Dec.)	161.65	-1.4
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.297	-0.035

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	383.9	+0.05
Gold PM fix	383.5	-0.05
Silver fix	532	+4.3
Platinum PM fix	418.85	+1

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date*

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FednW2	3270	
General	8436	-0.2
IndDevCD		
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MerkC	199	-0.5
OHH	115880	
Trade	749	-0.5
TradeC	189.00	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	325125	-1.3
Carmel	840	-3.3
CarmC3	282	
DavidMB	19221	
FirstMB	38170	-4.0
IndepMB	67483	-0.2
J larnC	128.50	
JemBnk	257	
LeumiMBR	93778	
Mishkan	32113	
MishkanC	183.00	
Mizlav	7485	-0.8
TefahotR	181487	1.0

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shilon	7790	0.2

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Two-sided trading

Name	Afternoon Price	Afternoon % Change	Afternoon Volume Shares	Morning Price	Morning % Change	Morning Volume Shares
buildpr	603	-2.5	10800	609	-1.5	7541
nacional	1260	-4.7	43200	1253	-6.8	26376
Abjac	32.6	-4.2	240000	32.6	-4.1	621409
Ackerin	582		3000	582		34961
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0.	419223	3.2	657	406027		178
Afrier	384501	3.5	632	371499		89
Agan	4327	-2.2		4327	-2.3	5873
Agis	2413	-0.7	3000	2413	-0.7	10060
Aryt	504	1.7	8000	502	1.4	11975
Avner	8.4	0.7		8.4	1.2	1427135
Azorim	4462	-1.7	4500	4492	-1.7	5426
ALPM	14639	1.7	5520	14495	0.8	2424
Bezek	584	-1.0	540000	570		174171
Boulo	233	-1.2	16500	234	-0.8	103741
Cables	1606	-1.0		1606	-1.0	8318
Clal-Ele	30973	1.0	4860	30743	0.3	932
Clal Tra	1034	-1.0	121500	1023	-2.0	8485
Clal 10	9087	-0.5	2880	9133		5148
Clalins	1222	-2.7	18900	1257		20516
Cldstr 5	2289	0.2	23400	2283		2242
Clnds	2006		32000	2008		23759
Danbar 5	2166	-2.5	13200	2116	-4.8	9439
Dead Sea	799	-1.2	45000	801	-1.0	72395
Delek	8086	-0.7	2000	8147		2501
Discinv	21999	-1.0	7000	22221		2950
Elbit	22682	-0.5	7700	22625	-0.8	2012
Elco	9217	-1.2	1280	9241	-1.0	2740
Elite 5	1497	-1.7	26000	1513	-0.7	23804
Elron	8826	-0.2	5550	8848		1884
Evergr n	2500	-0.5	4000	2494	-0.8	3009
Export	1719	1.0	4800	1711	0.5	7582
Fibi	46310	-1.0	1366	46778		1054
Formula	1139	1.2	15000	1122	-0.3	16362
Fratint1	36010		250	36010		916
Fratint5	32312	-1.5	1620	32888	0.2	470
Frutarom	1111	-1.0	26600	1122		29241
Gaheist	6079	-1.0	3400	6140		2297
Granit	480	-1.2	6000	489	-1.4	20782
Hapoalim	432	0.7	255000	432	0.7	203620
Hapoim	8852		6700	8852		5852
IndBldg	430	-1.0	400000	426	-1.8	55687
IndDevBK	29495	0.5	200	29275	-0.2	172
IsrCorp1	25186		8360	25186		2339
IsrCorp5	24489	-0.2	465	24404	-0.5	728
IsChem	272	-0.7	335500	273	-0.4	196218
IDB	1150	-0.5	135000	1156		51671
IDBDev	82627	-0.7	1025	83100		328
ILDC	1270	-0.5	109200	1276		31784
JEC	1331	-1.0	57600	1344		57884
JOEL	175.0	0.7	172500	179.5		207578
Kardan5	492	-1.2	21000	498	-1.0	27227
Kitan	1120		89600	1125	0.3	8470
Koor	24152	-1.5	10060	24182	-1.5	3453
Leumi	346		140000	343	-0.9	156021
Lfshiz1	258		18000	258		26362
Makhtesh	1618	-1.0	3000	1618	-1.0	9419
Malibu5	926	-1.0		926	-1.0	10321
Maman	858	-1.2	19200	850	-2.2	7950
Marit1	2796	-0.7	2000	2805	-0.5	8181
Mashov	300	0.5	44000	298	-0.3	36659
Mehadrin	14897	-2.5	700	14985	-2.3	1243
MeirEzra	3872	-1.0	10900	3862	-1.3	8920
Mivtah	1205	0.2	19200	1181	-1.7	11085
Multilock	1547	-2.0	17100	1532	-3.0	5229
MLL1	465		8000	465		12845
NafollDS	13.2	-9.7	720000	13.1	-9.7	806869
Ocif	8456	-2.7	1620	8417	-3.0	1391
Ormat	756	0.5	84000	751		58878
Osem	2011	-0.2	6750	2016		15599
OsemW1						
PazoilEx	182.5		86000	182.5		148209
Packer	12099	-1.7	1580	12315		300
Periclas	2260	-2.5	6000	2272	-2.0	1983
Petrchem	1198	-0.5	6000	1193	-0.5	30295
Piryon	12810	-2.5	720	12844	-3.0	1074
PolgatB	431		135000	434	0.7	42675
Poseidon	124.5			124.5		124000
Rogosin	4109	-2.0	1200	4109	-2.0	10811
SelaPump	174.0	-2.0	192000	174.0	-2.0	119991
SupersIB	5393	-0.7	21250	5494		5575
Tamboue	698	0.5		698	0.4	8837
TefahotB	195188		80	195188		97
Tempo1	1589	-0.7	4250	1589	-0.8	15906
Teva	76478	-3.2	4040	77071	-2.5	597
TevaC	422	-2.7	6000	422	-2.8	83756
Tibnveal	526	-8.0	8800	515	-10.0	
Urdan D.	390	-0.7	8000	391	-0.5	17835
Yaad	883	-1.0		883	-1.0	5700
Ytong	903	-0.7	8000	903	-0.8	17159

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AMP Inc	75.625	-0.25
AMR Corp	53.75	-0.875
ASA	48	-0.125
Abbott Labs	31.375	+0.5
Acme Cleveland	13	-0.5
Advanced Micro	28.375	+0
Aetna Life	47.25	+0.5
Affiliated Publ	9.5	+0
Aflac	35	+0.5
Ahmanson (HF)	18.625	+0.125
Air Prods	48.375	+0.5
Alberto-Culv B	26.125	+0.125
Albertson's	29.375	-0.25
Alcan Aluminum	26.125	-0.25
Alco Standard	57.875	-0.125
Alex & Alex	19.875	+0
Allegheny Power	20.875	+0.25
Allied Signal	33.625	-0.25
Alcoa	83.5	+0.625
Amax	26.125	+0.25
Amdahl Corp	10.5	-0.25
Amerada Hess	48.875	+0.875
Amer Brands	34.25	+0.125
Amer Cyanamid	98.75	-0.25
Amer El Power	32	+0.125
Amer Express	31	-0.125
Amer Genl Corp	27.5	+0.125
Amer Greeting	28.75	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	63.625	+0
Amer Intl	94.125	+0.625
Amer Natl Ins	48.75	-0.25
Amer Stores	26.75	+0
Amer T & T	54.375	+0.375
Amoskeag	40.125	+0.375
Amsouth Inc	17.625	-0.25
Amoco	62.5	-0.125
Analog Devices	35	-0.5
Anheuser-Busch	50.25	+0.25
Aon Corp	32.875	+0.25
Apple Computer	41.5	+0.125
Archer Daniels	28	-0.125
Arkla	-	-
Armco	7	+0
Armstrong World	42	+0.25
Asarco	29.75	-0.25
Ashland Oil	36.875	-0.625
Atlantic Richfld	107	+0.375
Auto Data Pro	55.875	-0.125
Autodesk	32.875	+0.125
Avery Dennison	33.625	-0.25
Avnet Inc	38.375	+0
Avon Products	62.25	-0.875
Chiquita Brands	13	+0.375
Chrysler	48	+0.5
Chubb Corp	89.75	+0.375
Citicorp	46.25	+0.5
Clark Equipment	66.375	+0.5
Clevld Cliffs	38	-0.125
Clorox	53.5	+0
Coastal Corp	29	+0.625
Coca Cola	49.75	-0.5
Coca Cola Ent	19.25	+0.25
Colgate Palmoliv	60.375	-0.5
Comcast Corp A	16.125	+0.5
Compaq	40	-0.5
Compute Ass Int	48.25	+0.25
Computer Sci	46.75	+0
Conagra	30.875	+0
Cons Edison	25.5	+0.375
Cons Freightways	22	-0.5
Cons Nat Gas	35.625	+0.625
Cons Rail	54.25	+1
Contl Corp	14.75	+0
Cooper Inds	37.375	+0.125
Coors (Adolph)	17.125	-0.25
Corning Inc	33.5	+0.25
Crane	26.75	-0.375
Cray Research	19.125	-0.125
Crown Cork Seal	38.375	+0.25
Cummins Engine	44	+0
Curtiss-Wright	35.5	+0
Cypress Semicon	22.375	+0
Cyprus Mineral	25.875	+0.375
Golden W Finl	36.375	-0.25
Goodrich (BF)	43.5	-0.625
Goodyear Tire	35	+0.5
Grace (W&R)	40.125	+0.25
Grainger (WW)	54.75	+0
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25.75	-0.25
Grt Western Finl	17.5	-0.125
Grow Group	14.375	+0
Halliburton	35.875	-0.75
Harris Corp	42.875	-0.125
Hasbro	22.75	+0
Hershey Foods	48.125	+0.375
Hewlett Packard	97	-0.625
Hilton Hotels	59.875	-0.625
Home Depot	45.625	-0.25
Honeywell	31.875	-0.125
Household Intl	35.75	+2
Houston Inds	34.5	+0.5
Humana	22.875	-0.375
IBM	73.375	-0.875
Illinois Tool	43.875	+0.25
INCO	29.375	+0.125
Ingersoll Rand	34.75	-0.125
Intel Corp	61.75	-0.75
Intl Paper	73.25	+0.25
ITT Corp	87.125	+1.25
James River Co	22.25	+0.125
Jefferson Pilt	53.875	+0.375
Johnson & J	54.625	-0.875
Minnesota Mine	53.75	-0.25
Mitchell Energy	18.25	+0.125
Mobil Corp	83	-0.125
Molex Inc	40.125	-0.5
Monarch Machi	9.625	+0
Monsanto	75.75	-1.125
Morgan (JP)	60.75	+0.25
Morrison-Knudsn	18	+0.375
Morton Ind	28.375	+0.375
Motorola Inc	59.625	+0.125
Multimedia Inc	28.875	-0.125
Murphy Oil	48	-0.125
Nalco Chemical	32.125	+0.375
Nashua Corp	22.625	-0.125
Natl City Corp	26.75	+0.25
NatWest Bank	48.875	+0.25
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Salomon Inc	38	+0
San Diego Gas	19.75	+0
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Zenith Electron	13.25	+0.125
Zero Co	13	+0.125

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Allied - Lyons	591	-4
BAT Inds	439	+4
BP	429.5	+5.5
BT	397.5	+2
BTR	305	+9
Barclays	592	+8
Bass	552	+2
Boots	519	-10
British Airways	388.5	+8.5
British Gas	293.5	+10
Cable & Wire	410	+8
General Electric	287	+3.5
Grand Met	415	+0
Glaxo	608.5	+10.5
Guiness	471	+5
HSBC (75p shs)	728	+13.5
Hanson	227.5	-1
ICI	781	+8
Land Securities	620	-5
Lloyds Bank	572	-1
Marks & Spencer	419	+1
NatWest Bank	505	+2
Prudential	319	+5.5
Reuters	486	+3
Sainsbury	413	+1
Shell Transport	719	+2
Unilever	1135	+4
Wellcome	646	+14

PARIS

Name	Price	chg
Accor	617	+2
Air Liquide	-	-
Alcatel Alsthom	-	-
Carrefour	2273	+40
Chargeurs	1284	+0
Club Med	440	-1.4
Cred Lyon (CI)	-	-
Elf Aquitaine	-	-
Euro Disney	6.15	+1.25
Eurotunnel	-	-
Hachette	109.9	+2.4
LVMH	-	-
Lafarge Coppee	394.8	-1.1
Lyonn Eaux	470	+8.5
Michelin B	-	-
Moulinex	119.7	-1.3
Paribas	-	-
Pernod Ricard	-	-
Peugeot	-	-
Rhone Poulenc Cis	-	-
Saint Gobain	-	-
Suez (Fin de)	297	-6
Total B	336.8	+4.2

FRANKFURT

Name	Price	chg
Allianz AG	1580	-80
BASF	314.5	+3
Bayer	340.5	-1.7
Commerzbank	5.75	+0.05
Daimler-Benz	755	+3.5
Deutsche Bank	709	+9
Dresdner Bk	402.5	+4.8
Hoechst	320.5	+1
Lufthansa	194.1	+1.1
Mannesmann	405	+0.2
Mercedes Hld	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	152.5	-0.5
Porsche	832	+2
Siemens	620	-3
Volkswagen	442	+4.5

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd.

Concern over market as declines continue

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two-Sided Index	Maof Index	Karam Index
186.32 -0.69%	189.91 -0.88%	165.25 -1.23%

TRADING on the Tel Aviv exchange was marked yesterday by worries that the bottom might fall out of the market. Investors openly wonder what will occur on Sunday when trading resumes after a week end of pondering moves over the financial columns of today's newspapers. The Two-Sided Index declined by 0.7%, the Maof by 0.9% and the Karam Index by 1.2%. Turnover was a meager NIS 110 million, in line with the previous days.

The redemptions of mutual funds certificates remained the main worry, a kind of Damocles' sword hanging over the share market. Although the extent of redemptions seems to have subsided somewhat, traders continued to be worried that the trend might resume next Sunday, if only because their holders might decide to get out of the market at any cost.

It now seems the stabilization which began to be felt in the last week or so was only a stopover on the market's road to wherever it is going, and the problem is no one really knows where it is. This does not necessarily mean the market will start declining steadily towards its lowest level of last July; only that it may be returning to its up and downs ways, the technical market which was the rule of the game until two weeks ago.

Investors hope that the provident funds will intervene next Sunday, should investors dump unceremoniously shares and mutual funds certificates on the market. In the medium term, there is a growing feeling that the market has nowhere to go and that it will continue to stutter around the present level. They were quick to point out that the Maof Index now stands at 189.9, namely below the 190 line.

Isramco continued to be the star of the trading day. It declined moderately (-2.6%) during the morning Meretz trading session. During the afternoon however, its price dropped a full 10.4% and now trads for 6.9 agorot. The rest of the oil exploration securities posted moderate declines with the possible exception of Hanal which fell 9%. Other noticeable declines among speculative issues: T-Bone Veal; Cohen Development, which fell 8%.

The blue chips were in for moderate declines on a very wide front. There were practically no exceptions. Koor fell 1.5%, Elbit 0.5%, Israel Chemicals 0.7%. One notable exception: Teva fell 3.2%. The results of the development of its miracle drug were generally disappointing.

FTSE up 23 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Blue chip share prices closed firmer helped by Wall Street, amid renewed intervention by the US Federal Reserve to support the dollar and after a solid drive by FTSE futures earlier lifted the cash market. The FTSE 100 share index closed 23.1 points up at 3,104.4, marginally below the day's best.

FRANKFURT - German shares little moved after US weekly jobless claims 321,000 compared to forecasts of 313,000, supported by stable bonds and dollar, and waiting for US October jobs data due today. The IBIS DAX at 2,051.14 after closing floor session at 2,051.48, up 9.13 points or 0.45 percent from Wednesday bourse close. After post-bourse trading the DAX stood at 2,061.37, up 21.46.

PARIS - French shares finished with a last minute rush to close two percent higher. Traders said stability in the dollar, helped by Fed intervention, and a steadier tone in bonds led to short covering in futures. Euro Disney rose strongly, and was suspended limit-up twice, following announcement of a much smaller 1993/94 loss. The CAC-40 index closed up 37.53, or 2.0%, at 1,911.13.

ZURICH - Strong buying in Roche and in insurers led the Swiss share market to a markedly higher close in active trade. The firm dollar supported sentiment and short-covering drove prices higher. Friday's market was seen firming again, but the final outcome would depend on US labor market data. The Broad SPI closed up 18.18 at 1,677.13.

TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market was closed today for a national holiday. Trading will resume tomorrow. On Wednesday, the 225-share Niikei average ended 165.83 points or 0.83% lower at 19,750.65.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks erased some of their early gains on light profit-taking but were generally firmer at the close of trade. The Hang Seng Index closed at 9,491.96, up 40.20 points.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market closed slightly easier but off its lows as buyers returned to the market in the afternoon. Shares had fallen earlier in the day [illegible] a drop in the Dow on renewed inflationary fears. The All Ordinaries index ended 2.1 points or 0.10 percent lower at 2009.2.

JOHANNESBURG - Despite late mild profit-taking, South African industrials held onto hefty gains at the close as professionals snapped up index stocks. The Overall index was 102 points up at 5,839, industrial index 128 up at 6,733 and gold index 16 better at 2,257.

Dow up 8.75 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks got a respite from a three-session thrashing Thursday, ending higher as investors waited for Friday's report on employment data for October.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 8.75 points at 3,845.88, after losing more than 93 points in the past three days on concern that strong economic growth would prompt the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates.

In the broader market, advancing and declining issues were about even, with more than 286 million shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

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SFr	1.1967/69	0.4872/76	76.86/0N	—	4.1024/64
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Tel Aviv: Ariosoroff, 76 Ariosoroff, 5230316; Pe'er Market, 61 Yehuda Hayamit, Jaffa, 6822973.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Shusi, A. Yaffe, Ra'anana, 451114.
Netanya: Hanassi, 36 Weizmann, 823639.
Kiryat area: Herman, 4 Simtat Modi'in, Kiryat Motzkin, 707770/3.
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Saturday, November 5

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At the beginning of November, meetings will be held at the universities, in order to provide as much information as possible on the Foreign Service and the various training tracks. (For details, check university notice boards.)

The selection process is divided into stages, and will take about nine months from the date of publication of the tenders. Candidates who meet the requirements will be invited to join one of the courses.

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During training, those accepted will participate in a basic course and an apprenticeship period in various units of the Ministry. After two years, if the trainee meets the requirements, he/she will join Israel's Foreign Service.

Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment

a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.

b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

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a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).

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c. Age: Up to 33.

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Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment

a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.

b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

Qualifications Required:

a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).

b. Negotiating ability, ability for written and oral self-expression, perfect written and spoken Hebrew, command (including fluent speaking ability) of English, Arabic, French, Spanish or German.

c. Age: Up to 33.

d. Medical and security checks.

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f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

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Post Description

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During training, those accepted will participate in a basic course and an apprenticeship period in various units of the Ministry, concerned with the Middle East. After two years, if the trainee meets the requirements, he/she will join Israel's Foreign Service.

Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment

a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.

b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

Qualifications Required:

a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).

b. Perfect written and spoken Hebrew, and a very good command of Arabic and English, ability to write summaries and assessments, and ability to make oral analyses. Preference will be given to candidates with research experience.

c. Familiarity with political problems, and other general subjects, including Judaism, history, geography, society and the state, economics and Israel's economy, administration, international law, computers, culture and art, negotiating ability, and ability for information work and for self-expression in writing and orally. Knowledge of another language desirable: Turkish, Persian, French, Spanish, German, Russian, or any other foreign language.

c. Age: Up to 33.

d. Medical and security checks.

e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.

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Tender No. MK 4/95

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Grade: 35-38 on the academic (humanities) scale.

Conditions of Employment

a. During the training period, the trainee will be employed on a special contract, with a fixed salary.

b. All trainees will receive a standing loan, which will become a grant, after five years' continuous service.

Qualifications Required:

a. Full academic education - at least a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree (see Para. E below).

b. Familiarity with Israel's economy and business scene, political problems, Judaism, the Middle East, history, geography, society and the state, international law, culture and the arts, administration, development of abilities for analysis, negotiating, informational activities, and self-expression in writing and orally. Perfect knowledge of written and spoken Hebrew, and a command of English, including the ability to speak fluently. Knowledge of other languages desirable.

c. Age: Up to 33.

d. Medical and security checks.

e. Israeli citizenship, including spouse.

f. The selection process of the Civil Service Commission includes the candidates taking written examinations, and being examined at assessment centers and by examination boards. (Notice of the dates of these examinations will be sent to applicants.)

Notes to the Four

A. Trainees who pass the acceptance examinations will, on conclusion of the training period, join the Foreign Service. They must be prepared to accept any post in Israel or abroad, including posts in countries in which service conditions are difficult.

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C. If someone applies for more than one tender and the selection process shows that he is suitable for training, the Ministry will decide in which course to place him, in line with the needs of the Ministry.

D. The right is reserved to remove a trainee from the course or from specialized training, if he is found unsuitable.

E. Persons who do not hold a degree, but who are studying for a Bachelor's degree, to be awarded at the end of the 1995 academic year, are eligible to apply. Such a candidate must, when applying, submit confirmation that he is in the last year of a degree course. If accepted, acceptance will be provisional, until he submits confirmation of the award of his degree, and this not later than October 31, 1995.

F. Applications are to be made on Form Madaf 2115, to which must be attached authenticated copies of the documents required, a curriculum vitae, and two photographs. The form may be submitted to any district office of the Civil Service Commission:

Jerusalem - Hakirya, 3 Rehov Kaplan, P.O.B. 34076, Jerusalem 91340
Tel Aviv - Hakirya, 10 Rehov Kalman Magen, Tel Aviv 61070
Haifa - 11 Rehov Hassan Shukri, Haifa 33105
Beersheba - 136 Rehov Hehalutz, P.O.B. 10050, Beersheba

Form 2115 can be obtained from any of the above offices, and from local government council offices. A soldier may, if he wishes, submit an application in the form of an ordinary letter, in which case, he should provide a brief statement, giving personal details, and particulars of his education and experience.

G. In this notice, all references to the masculine include the feminine. Equal opportunity will be given to men and women with suitable qualifications, in competition for any given position.

H. Candidates should ensure that their applications, complete in all respects, with the required authenticated copies of documents and with any other document they wish to attach (with a faithful translation into Hebrew of documents in a foreign language) should reach the Civil Service Commission as soon as possible, but in any case not later than the date given at the end of this notice, failing which they will not be considered.

I. A trainee who withdraws from a basic course or from specialized training before the end, on his own initiative, will return the standing loan and pay the course expenses, for the period in which he participated.

J. During the course, trainees who live outside Jerusalem will be entitled to living expenses and, during the specialized training period in Israel, such trainees will receive traveling expenses or assistance in paying rent, at a rate determined by the Civil Service Commission.

Courses are expected to open in August, 1995

Last date for submitting applications: November 22.

Anti-abortion extremist convicted in murder

PENSACOLA, Florida (Reuter) – A Florida jury on Wednesday needed only 20 minutes to convict anti-abortion extremist Paul Hill for last summer's murder of a doctor and his unarmed guard outside a local women's clinic.

The panel of six men and six women found Hill guilty on two counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted first-degree murder and one count of firing a loaded weapon into an occupied vehicle.

Jurors were yet to determine whether Hill's actions merit a sentence of death in Florida's electric chair.

The recommendation is not binding on Escambia County Circuit Judge Frank Bell, who will sentence Hill at a later date.

Hill, acting as his own attorney, made no closing statements to jurors just as he had declined to cross-examine any of the witnesses called to the stand since testimony began late Monday afternoon.

He showed little emotion as the verdict was read.

Women's rights activists used the guilty verdict to call for a government crackdown on anti-abortion extremists.

"Paul Hill is only one actor in this very bad play," said Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women (NOW), who has been monitoring the proceedings all week.

The slain volunteer guard and his widow were both NOW members.

"Having him off the streets and behind bars is only one step."

Hill was convicted of murdering Dr John Britton, 69, and his escort, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett, outside Pensacola's Ladies Center on July 29.

Barrett's 68-year-old wife, June, was wounded in the attack.

The Reverend David Trosch, a Roman Catholic priest who like Hill advocates the use of deadly force against abortion providers, was choked with emotion following the verdict.

"He's chosen his method for making a statement to the world...we just have to play it out to see if he's right as far as motivating people to action," Trosch said.

Hill supporters have said that the former Presbyterian minister would welcome death in the electric chair as a form of martydom.

Algeria militants fight in capital

TUNIS (Reuter) – Algerian security forces and Islamic guerrillas are now fighting in the heart of Algiers in a manner reminiscent of the war of independence against the French, diplomats and commentators said yesterday.

A gun-battle on Wednesday in central Telemely district, in which black-hooded commandos stormed a building and killed nine guerrillas, appeared to be part of a tough new military campaign to clean up the capital, a diplomat said.

This time the action backfired. Colonel Djelloul Hadj Cherif was shot as, unarmed, he tried to negotiate the surrender of the guerrillas.

Cherif, Algiers military chief, was the most senior officer killed in three years of conflict between Islamic fundamentalists and the army-installed government.

At the same time, the guerrillas – who hail all their casualties as martyrs – have been trying to set up more cells in the city, the diplomat said.

The clash drew the headline "Battle in Heart of Algiers" in *el-Watan* newspaper. And residents reached by phone from Tunis recalled the battle for the city during the 1954-62 war against the French.

The official APS news agency said the guerrillas had explosives with which they intended to carry out a spectacular operation during ceremonies on Tuesday marking the 40th anniversary of the start of the revolution.

The guerrillas, one of whom was a woman, had been under siege in the building for 24 hours, APS said.

When Cherif stepped forward to parley with them they gunned him down in cold blood, provoking the commando assault.

A short distance away, security forces raided another house, killing four armed militants, including a woman.

The incident followed President Liamine Zeroual's announcement on Monday that presidential elections would be held next year.

Was it an assassination attempt?

WASHINGTON (AP) – The wife of a man accused of shooting at the White House said in an interview published yesterday that her husband didn't like the government, but that he wouldn't try to kill the president.

Francisco Martin Duran, 26, of Colorado Springs, Colo., is being held without bond following his arrest Saturday for allegedly firing 27 rifle bullets at the White House from a sidewalk outside.

President Clinton was inside the White House when the shots were fired Saturday. No one was hurt in the attack.

"He may not have liked the government... but for him to go out and try to hurt the president – think that's a little extreme. To take another life is against his principles," said Ingrid Duran in a copyright story in *The Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph*.

"I still love him," she said. "He is still a good person, the loving man I married... I'll always be here for him.

"He felt very isolated. He would try to mix in with other people but couldn't do it. You see, he always thought people were using him – that they were mostly hypocrites," she said.

Duran's lawyer also argued there is no evidence Duran tried to hurt anyone.

The gunman who fired the bullets Saturday "had ample opportunity to... hurt somebody," but "no one was hurt, nobody was harmed," public defender Leigh Kenny, who is representing Duran, said Wednesday.

A federal magistrate ordered Duran held without bond pending trial, after Kenny argued unsuccessfully that the government had failed to produce enough information to support four felony charges it has already filed against the upholster.

David Millis, a former co-worker at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo., told The Associated Press that Duran had said he was "going to take out the president."

Based on the statements by Millis to the FBI and papers found in Duran's truck, prosecutors are considering adding attempted assassination to the four felony charges filed against Duran, said an official familiar with the investigation.

Dylan sued for $5 million in palimony suit

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – A woman who says she lived with Bob Dylan for nearly 20 years is suing the folk-rock superstar for at least $5 million plus an unspecified amount of palimony.

In a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday, Ruth Tryangiel said he had promised to marry her, that she helped Dylan in his business decisions and helped write some of his songs.

The lawsuit says Tryangiel is entitled to $5 million based on property acquired while they were living together and income from song royalties and other sources.

The lawsuit said she lived with the legendary folk singer from 1974 to 1993.

The suit said that early in their relationship, Dylan and Tryangiel had agreed to represent themselves to the public as man and wife and to share any income earned while they were together.

On the palimony issue, the lawsuit says, "Plaintiff and defendant enjoyed and maintained during the course of their relationship a certain standard of living, which standard of living defendant promised to maintain for plaintiff the rest of her life."

Tryangiel alleges breach of contract, fraud, deceit and intentional infliction of emotional distresses, saying she has suffered "humiliation, mental anguish, emotional and physical injuries, loss of energy, severe tension and profound shock and anxiety".

Dylan's representatives were not immediately available for comment.



Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky sits with his wife, Galina, in his Moscow office yesterday before his planned trip to the US on Sunday. (AP)

Zhirinovsky: Americans should know the truth about me

MOSCOW (AP) – Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the bad boy of Russian politics, is finally getting a chance to tell Americans directly just what he thinks of them.

After a four-month wait, the United States this week gave Zhirinovsky permission to visit in light of America's "long and respected tradition of allowing freedom of speech to all persons."

Zhirinovsky, who flies to San Francisco on Sunday, said he wants Americans to get to know him better.

"They should know the truth about me, which they can learn by listening to me," he said yesterday in an interview with The Associated Press.

He normally demands to be paid for interviews, but is granting free interviews prior to the visit.

Asked why he wants to visit the country he once branded the "empire of evil," Zhirinovsky said he was not referring to the American people.

"When someone calls Russia an empire of evil or others call the United States an empire of evil, these political figures mean the leaders of those countries, they don't mean the people," he said.

Zhirinovsky said he wants to dispel misconceptions also about his political group, the Liberal Democratic Party.

"The biggest misconception about our party is that they for some reason believe us to be an ultranationalist party," said Zhirinovsky. "We are not ultra, we are not nationalist at all."

Zhirinovsky complained about the delay in being issued a visa, which he said showed disrespect for his party. "Bandits from all over the world get visas without problems," while he had to wait, he said.

The leader of the party often called extremist and nationalist seems to enjoy outrageous behavior both at home and abroad.

He has been booted out of Bulgaria, denied a German visa and warned to stay out of France, Austria, Australia, and several other countries. He has frequently singled out the United States as a target of his venom.

During President Clinton's visit in January, he unleashed a typical Zhirinovsky outburst against the West.

"All of you in the West have become rotten and moldy. That's why you got scared that a new, honest, brave man has emerged in Russia," he said. "You want us to be weak and rot with you. But we won't. Rot without us."

Zhirinovsky's utterances in Moscow have included accusations that the Jews started World War I and World War II. He has threatened to drop 100 nuclear bombs on any country making territorial claims on Russia and has demanded the return of Alaska, Finland, Poland and other former parts of czarist Russia.

When he travels, Zhirinovsky almost always causes a ruckus.

Zhirinovsky will spend two days in San Francisco, then travel to New York. According to a party spokesman, Zhirinovsky has been invited to appear on CBS television and to meet with the editors of *Time* magazine.

O.J. case: Jury process nears end

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Prosecutors dismissed six prospective jurors and the defense excused two yesterday as attorneys in the O.J. Simpson trial began the crucial final phase of picking the jury.

After weeks of probing prospects for possible bias, prosecutors excused five blacks and one white out of the pool of 40 prospects. The defense, indicating acceptance of most panelists, excused just two women, one Hispanic and the other an American Indian, in the first six chances they had to challenge prospects. The process was continuing throughout yesterday.

In the peremptory challenge stage, potential jurors can be excused for any reason except gender or race. Each side has 20 such challenges. The final jury pool contained 25 women and 15 men.

Laywers for both sides said they were hopeful 12 panelists would be selected yesterday.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said Wednesday that he now wants 15 alternates, instead of eight, and he indicated a full panel won't be seated for another month. Questioning of a second wave of roughly 100 people is to begin Tuesday. The two sides will each get 15 more challenges when the alternates are chosen.

Jury selection began Sept. 26.

Wednesday was the final day of voir dire – jury questioning – for the first panel of prospects. Ito gave attorneys one last chance to quiz potential panelists, but instead they seized the opportunity to let the prospects hear detailed previews of their cases.

The defense contended that Simpson – charged with two knife murders – is no "Jekyll and Hyde" personality, and that the killings may well have been the work of multiple assailants.

The prosecution implored panelists to resist Simpson's famous image and ignore the "odd-ball theories" about other killers and focus squarely on the facts.

"There's been a question here of whether ... he's far different off camera than on camera," defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. told prospects. "You understand there is no evidence that O.J. Simpson is a Jekyll and Hyde personality."

Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark also discussed Simpson's image. "This is not a popular case for the prosecution to bring," she said.

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New baseball plan recalls Federal League – and its Jewish stars



Benny Kauff was only Federal League batting champ.

FOR baseball-starved fans, the recent announcement that a challenge has been launched to Major League Baseball in the form of the newly proposed United League, brings not only hope for the future, but rekindles memories of past rebel leagues.

Eighty years ago, the Federal League sprang into existence as an alternative to the baseball establishment. While it was short-lived, lasting only two seasons, it rocked the sporting world.

The league was born out of an unsuccessful attempt in 1912 by players to reform the salary structure and the reserve clause (which bound a player for life to the team which held his contract).

During its existence, American and National League attendance dropped by two million as the big leagues were systematically raided with promises of larger salaries and better playing conditions.

The Feds fielded an eight-team league: The Baltimore Terrapins, Brooklyn Tip-Tops, Buffalo Buf-Feds (in 1915 the name was changed to the Blues), the Chicago Chi-Feds (Whales in 1915), Indiana Hoosiers (replaced in 1915 by the Newark Peppers), Kansas City Packers, Pittsburgh Rebels and St. Louis Terriers. All statistics are accepted and considered official.

In order to staff the rosters, large-scale defection was needed. Among the more notable players to jump were player-managers Joe Tinker (of the legendary Tinker-Evers-Chance double play combination for the Chicago Cubs) and Three-Finger Mordechai Brown, and Chief Bender who pitched for Baltimore in 1915.

Such was the relief when the Federal League folded after the 1915 season that a blanket amnesty was offered to all those who jumped. Everyone was free to return to his pre-Federal League team.

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After its demise, one Federal League club sued the major leagues for its monopolistic practices. Out of this suit came the infamous 1922 Supreme Court ruling that baseball was a sport rather than a business, and was therefore exempt from anti-trust legislation.

Of local interest is that two Jewish players performed with distinction. Pitcher Ed Reulbach compiled a 20-10 mark with Newark; and outfielder Benny Kauff led the league in batting both years.

Reulbach was a right-handed pitcher who spent nine years with the Cubs and two with Brooklyn before signing with Newark in the Feds' second season.

The Detroit-born Reulbach led the NL in winning percentage for three straight years, his best a 20-4 (.833) season in 1906 with Chicago. He is most well known for pitching shutouts in both ends of a doubleheader in 1908 against Brooklyn.

After the Federal League went under, he pitched two years for the Boston Braves before retiring with a 13-year 185-104 mark.

Even more impressive are Kauff's statistics. In 1914, the slugging left-handed-hitter led Indiana to a pennant by topping the league in batting (.370), hits (211), total bases (305), runs (120), doubles (45) and stolen bases (75). The following year, for Brooklyn, the native Ohioan repeated his batting crown with .342 and swiped a league-high 55 bases.

Kauff had been a promising rookie for the New York Yankees in 1912. Disappointed when he was assigned to the minors in 1913 (playing for Hartford, he hit .395), he jumped the following year to the new-born Feds.

After the league's collapse, he signed with the New York Giants where he played until 1920, finishing with a lifetime average of .311.

Unfortunately, his lifetime statistics were cut short when, in 1920, he was suspended by Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis following his indictment for grand larceny.

Kauff had been accused of membership in a New York City car theft ring.

He was defended by the New York Giants' famous Jewish attorney Emil Fuchs – who later became a federal judge and owner and manager of the Boston Braves – and had Giants' manager John McGraw testify as a character witness.

In contemporary newspaper accounts preserved in the Baseball Hall of Fame library in Cooperstown, NY, testimony at the trial revealed that Kauff was alleged to have stolen a Cadillac, changed the tires, repainted the chassis and sold it.

Kauff, however, claimed that his erstwhile business partners had set him up. He was able to provide a bill of sale for the auto and was subsequently acquitted.

But his acquittal was insufficient to get him off the hook with Landis.

The year before, Landis had placed a lifetime ban on the eight Black Sox players who had been accused of throwing the 1919 World Series, even though they had been acquitted.

Heady with his task of "cleaning up the game," Landis imposed a similar punishment on Kauff for associating with disreputable characters. He cited section 2, article 4 of the Major League Baseball rules wherein a player may be barred from the game if his conduct is "detrimental to the good repute of baseball."

Kauff never played again. Returning to Ohio, he went through a number of retail ventures, and died in Columbus in 1961 at the age of 71.



Reulbach was 20-game winner for Feds' Newark team.

Rockets begin NBA title defense in league full of contenders

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Can Hakeem repeat his dream season? How far can the New York Stand-Pats of Riley and Ewing go? Is it Shaq's time yet?

These are some of the questions the season will answer starting today, thanks to a no-strike, no-lockout pledge by owners and players who still must agree on how to divide their billion-dollar pie.

It was a sign of the dismal times in US sports that the NBA held a press conference to announce triumphantly it would open on time, avoiding the shutdowns that hit Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League.

Now Hakeem "the Dream" Olajuwon and his Houston Rockets can begin defense of their 1993-94 championship, the New York Knicks can embark on another long, hard slog towards the Finals and the Orlando Magic's brash young giant Shaquille O'Neal can keep on growing in public.

Parity is the current buzzword in the NBA with Michael Jordan retired into minor league baseball for a full year, and many bemoan the "ugly-ball" left in his wake.

Last year's Finals exemplified the current woeful state of play for some, pitting Olajuwon and a supporting cast against a grinding New York Knicks team that had a lot of trouble putting the ball in the basket.

Olajuwon became the first player ever to be named Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year and MVP of the Finals and win the championship in one season. Who is going to tell him he can't do it again?

With no major player changes, the Rockets are using the questions about them as motivation. "This has put a fire under us and given us a battle cry," says coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

The Knicks also made no major moves, and figure to be the main victim of new rules against physical defence.

But coach Pat Riley, starting his fourth season with a deep team built around tender-kneed center Patrick Ewing, says the Knicks are right on the schedule he set when he took over – with a championship slotted for this year.

O'Neal's Orlando Magic will have something to say about that in the East.

To O'Neal and the big young point guard Anfernee Hardaway, the Magic added power forward Horace Grant, who brings rebounding and the experience of three championship years alongside Jordan, and scoring guard Brian Shaw.

Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers took New York to seven full games in the Eastern Conference finals last season, and added savvy Mark Jackson at the point.

The Charlotte Hornets, ravaged by injuries last season, could contend with a healthy Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning up front, bolstered by 41-year-old ex-Celtic Robert Parish, who was still wowing them in the preseason.

In the West, 1993 runner-up Phoenix made a couple of major additions to a team built around superstar Charles Barkley and point guard Kevin Johnson – Danny Manning and Wayman Tisdale, who both turned down richer contracts to sign with the Suns.

Although they lost centers Mark West and Oliver Miller, the Suns could be favored if Barkley's troublesome back holds up and Dan Majerle bounces back from an off year.

The Seattle SuperSonics have long had oodles of talent, they just didn't seem to know what to do with it.

After being one game away from reaching the Finals two years ago, Seattle finished the 1993-94 season with the best record in basketball at 63-19 but fell victim to the biggest upset in playoff history, losing to the Denver Nuggets.

The Sonics, led by Shawn Kemp, still have no legitimate center but added guard Sarunas Marciulionis from Golden State.

To build on their stunning playoff success, the Nuggets, led by center Dikembe Mutombo, beefed up their backcourt by signing shooter Dale Ellis and drafting versatile Jalen Rose.

The Golden State Warriors were cursed the last two years and may be again as they will be without five-time All-Star Chris Mullin for a month due to a knee injury, and Rookie of the Year Chris Webber, who has not reported since opting for the out-clause in the $74 million deal he signed last season.

In a dramatic late move, Golden State, surprise winners of 50 games last year despite key injuries, tried to improve by filling a long-standing gap in the middle and traded star forward Billy Owens to the Miami Heat for center Rony Seikaly.

New San Antonio general manager Gregg Popovich got David Robinson and Dennis Rodman some help this summer, acquiring Sean Elliott, Avery Johnson, Chuck Person and Moses Malone.

But the Spurs announced a three-game suspension of Rodman, the league's leading rebounder the last three seasons but a notorious badboy, after their final preseason game.

Among the rookies, top draft pick Glenn Robinson is still holding out on Milwaukee – the Bucks' offer of $60m was a mere $40m short.

The best newcomer may be Grant Hill, the Detroit Pistons' classy swingman who played in three national collegiate championship games while at Duke, winning two.



A LITTLE HELP – Shaquille O'Neal will have new mates Horace Grant and Brian Shaw to beef up the Orlando Magic.

Blazers, Clippers set to open season in Japan

YOKOHAMA (AP) – One has the most games of any NBA coach under his belt, the other has yet to finish his first. But when the Los Angeles Clippers open their season against the Portland Trail Blazers tomorrow, the rookie won't be the underdog.

"I'm not nervous – I don't have to play," Portland Trail Blazers' coach PJ Carlesimo quipped when asked about how he feels about making his NBA debut in about the farthest-away away game imaginable.

"Basketball is still basketball, and almost every player in our league is a former college player, so I don't think it will be all that big an adjustment," he said.

Carlesimo is coming to the Trail Blazers this year after 23 years as a college coach. For the past 12 seasons, he led Seton Hall in the Big East.

His first opponents in the pros will also be led by a new coach, Bill Fitch. This season will be Fitch's 22nd in the NBA, and with 1,722 games he holds the league record for both the most games coached and the most games lost (877).

"I guess I didn't have the NBA out of my system," he said of his decision to return to the NBA after a two-year hiatus spent "mostly playing golf and watching basketball."

"I'm hopeful that these guys will take the losses away and add some wins for me," he said.

Fitch said he sees the coming season as a time for building with the Clippers, a new team that will depend heavily on young players. The Clippers finished last season 27-55, and 11th in the Pacific Division.

"We will go through this year finding our identity," he said. "We don't have any superstars."

The Blazers were 47-35 last season, fourth in the division.

Both teams arrived in Japan Wednesday and held their first first workouts at the 15,640-seat Yokohama Arena yesterday.

The Yokohama games will be the culmination of what has been a very international month for the NBA. This year's preseason featured games in Europe, Mexico and Canada – with no less than 11 teams traveling abroad.

NHL keeps whittling away season

NEW YORK (Reuter) – The National Hockey League on Wednesday canceled an additional 16 games per team due to the current lockout bringing the total number of games lost for each team to 14.

The latest cancellation – which included two neutral site games for each team – reduced the NHL regular season to 70 games at most.

The 26 neutral site games were scheduled for Phoenix, Denver, San Antonio, Minnesota, Las Vegas and Portland in the US; and Hamilton, Saskatoon and Halifax in Canada.

NHL Vice President of Hockey Operations Brian Burke is optimistic that a settlement could be reached, but warned that the season must start by early January.

"We will not play a meaningless schedule," Burke said. "I cannot justify playing a 30 to 35-game schedule."

"We're getting very close to the point of no return now," Toronto forward and player representative Mike Gartner said. "I don't know when it is, but there comes a point when it doesn't make any sense to play a schedule."

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and Goodenow held negotiations for only the second time in three weeks on Monday but no progress was reported in the dispute that has lasted 33 days.

Players have been setting up exhibitions during the lockout to keep busy. Games against junior teams in Canada have been scheduled and a group of Russian players will embark on a 10-day, five-game tour of their homeland beginning next week.

The season was scheduled to begin October 1, but was postponed until October 15 by Bettman in hopes that both sides could make "substantial progress" towards reaching a collective bargaining agreement.

Meanwhile, Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman and Toronto Maple Leafs captain Doug Gilmour appear to be headed for a Swiss league.

Gilmour said agent Larry Kelly was seeking to place Yzerman with the Bern team in the 10-member Swiss A league. Gilmour said he has agreed to play for the Swiss Lugano team.

Shearer's goal lifts Blackburn, Southampton, Norwich draw

LONDON (Reuter) – Alan Shearer's 11th goal of the season gave Blackburn a 1-0 win at Sheffield Wednesday and lifted Rovers into second place in Premier League action on Wednesday. Shearer had been successfully shackled for 53 minutes by his former England colleague Des Walker before he volleyed home a cross from Jason Wilcox with the outside of his boot to score his 65th goal in just 90 games for Blackburn.

The victory put Kenny Dalglish's team above Nottingham Forest on goal difference and moved them to within two points of leaders Newcastle.

Wednesday had only themselves to blame for sliding to their second home league defeat. Trevor Francis' men dominated possession, but lacked someone of Shearer's class to make it count.

Shearer's fellow England international forward Matt Le Tissier also scored, finding the net with an 89th minute penalty to give Southampton a 1-1 draw against Norwich and end a run of four straight defeats.

Norwich dominated the match at The Dell and went ahead when Mark Robins scored a superb individual goal after 49 minutes.

Visiting Crystal Palace beat Coventry 4-1 for their fourth successive win.

Struggling Thorpe in doubt for South Australia game

ADELAIDE (Reuter) – England's talented left-hander Graham Thorpe, struggling at the start of the Ashes tour, may be robbed of a chance to find his touch during the match against South Australia starting today.

A throat infection forced the Surrey batsman to miss a practice session yesterday and team manager Keith Fletcher said selectors would now wait until this morning before making a final decision on England's line-up.

Thorpe's role as the only left-hander in the party is seen as crucial because his presence could serve to disrupt the Australian bowlers' rhythm, particularly leg-spinner Shane Warne.

But Thorpe and the veteran Mike Gatting have made a poor start to their Ashes campaign and the pressure is on both players to produce big scores against South Australia to cement their places in the first Test in Brisbane on November 25.

In the creditable drawn game against Western Australia, Thorpe only managed scores of four and 14 while Gatting could only muster seven and six.

Captain Mike Atherton on Wednesday gave both players a public vote of confidence but Thorpe knows if he has to drop out of the four-day match against South Australia it could damage his chances of playing in the first Test.

With only three other first-class games once the international one-day matches start, he would have few opportunities to stake a claim to a test berth.

England's other concern is Mike Gatting himself. He spoke yesterday of his determination to bounce back to form after his horror start to the tour.

Gatting, who captained England when they last won the Ashes in 1986/87, has reached double figures only once in four innings. Most recently, over the weekend, he had two cheap dismissals against Western Australia.

"I don't care what people say or write, the only pressure is from me because I need to get some runs," Gatting said.

"I'd like to put the captain under pressure by making runs and making his job harder to select the team," the 37-year-old Gatting told Reuters.

"That would be good for me and for the team if we had that sort of competition," said Gatting, who has played in 74 test matches.

"I was upset to get out in the second innings [against Western Australia] when I edged a slow long-hop as I normally eat those for breakfast," said Gatting, whose tour record reads 16 not out, seven, seven and six.

Recent wet weather has left the Adelaide Oval pitch damp and green, and while the forecast is for the weather to improve by the weekend, it looks likely that runs could be hard to come by until the surface dries out.

With Alec Stewart, who has a fractured right index finger and Shaun Udal, nursing a fractured left thumb, still sidelined, England's only other doubt for the game apart from Thorpe is Joey Benjamin.

The Surrey seamer has been troubled by a slight groin strain but he came through a morning workout without any problems. Unless he suffers a reaction overnight, he should be fit to play.

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Aussies make slow progress against dominant Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuter) – Michael Bevan fell nine runs short of his maiden Test century as Australia finished the third day of the third and final Test yesterday just 29 runs short of Pakistan's first innings total of 373.

The 24-year-old New South Wales left-hand middle-order batsman was dismissed for 91 by leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmad as the visitors ended the day at 344 for five when bad light halted play with four overs still to be bowled.

At stumps Justin Langer, playing his first Test of the tour, was on 38 after 143 minutes at the wicket while his partner Shane Warne was on seven after the Australians added 237 runs to their overnight score of 107 for two, losing only three wickets in the process.

Bevan, who made 82 and 70 in the first two Tests, was associated with Mark Waugh (71) in the day's highest stand of 122 for the fourth wicket to frustrate the Pakistanis on a docile Qaddafi Stadium pitch.

Pakistan, following a one-wicket victory in the first Test at Karachi, needs only a draw to clinch the three-match series.

Australia suffered an early loss when overnight batsman Phil Emery, the wicketkeeper, had to leave the field with a badly bruised left thumb after he was struck in the fifth over by fireman Mohsin Kamal.

The first success for the home side came two overs later when Michael Slater, who was poised for his second successive century, drove loosely at Kamal and edged a catch to Moin Khan behind the stumps.

The 24-year-old New South Wales opener had added 14 runs to his overnight 60. His 74 included 10 fours from 135 deliveries and spanned 197 minutes.

Kamal's second wicket of the day was that of Waugh, who looked set for his seventh Test hundred when he chased a ball outside the off-stump and gave Moin his second catch.



PAYBACK – Australian batsman Mark Waugh in action yersterday. (AP)

Maccabi loses heartbreaker to Greece's Panathinaikos

JOEL GORDIN

AFTER an appalling first-half display, Maccabi Tel Aviv made up lost ground, but still lost 63-62 to Greece's Panathinaikos in the second round of the European Club Championships final pool in Athens last night.

Maccabi now has a 0-2 record in the competition. It lost last week at home to to Greece's PAOK Saloniki. The next game is on November 20 at Yad Eliyahu against Spain's Real Madrid.

Panathinaikos opened without its star, Nikis Galis, who is in dispute with the management. The team played badly, but Maccabi was worse. The Israelis only scored 21 points in the first half, eight of them in the final four minutes. The Maccabi players simply could not sink the ball.

Norris Coleman was replaced after he failed to score within 15 minutes. The Greeks could not help leading by 12 points (33-21) at the break. Maccabi's offense improved by gradual steps and it slowly trimmed the Greek lead, first to nine and then to six points. Finally, Doron Jamchee and Guy Goodes both shot three-pointers and Maccabi was on top.

By this stage, Goodes was playing better and Norris Coleman had woken up, and things were looking good. However, the Greek coach instructed his men to shoot from the outside instead of relying too heavily on ace playmaker Paniatis Yanikis. The ruse worked and they, in turn, lodged two three-pointers to go ahead 63-62 with 30 seconds left.

Maccabi had possession, but Goodes could not coordinate the attack. The ball found its way to Radisav Curcic who botched the final shot and the Greeks played down the clock in the final 10 seconds.

Maccabi did well to fight back after its big deficit at halftime, but still lost against a team which did not deserve to win.

A victory for Maccabi would have done wonders for morale and would have broken the psychological barrier that says it is impossible to win in front of a Greek crowd.

In Wednesday's action, Hapoel Galil Elyon was thrashed 89-47 by Spain's Caceres and was knocked out of Korac Cup competition.

Galil suffered the humiliating defeat after having beaten the Spanish team by an impressive 102-83 in the first leg held the previous week at Kfar Blum.

Playing before 5,000 Spanish fans, Galil lost its first leg cushion at halftime. Caceres led 40-18, mainly because of Galil's poor shooting. The Israelis only sank one basket in 17 attempts.

The farce continued in the second half when Galil shot 24% on two-pointers and hit only 18% of their three-pointers. The high scorer was Erez Hazan with 10 points.

That leaves one Israeli entry in each of the final pools of the three European competitions: Maccabi Tel Aviv in the European Club competition, Hapoel Tel Aviv in the European Cup, and Hapoel Eilat in the Korac Cup tournament.

San Francisco chosen for 1999 Super Bowl

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) – Carolina was thrilled, Jacksonville less so. San Francisco was happy, Miami wasn't.

By the time two days of National Football League meetings ended Wednesday, Carolina was in the NFC West for next season, fellow expansion franchise Jacksonville was in the AFC Central and San Francisco was chosen over Miami in competition for the 1999 Super Bowl.

"Us and Atlanta is a natural rivalry already ... and New Orleans will be good, too," Carolina owner Jerry Richardson said. "This is perfect for us. This is where we wanted to be."

Jacksonville owner Wayne Weaver also would have welcomed placement into that division, but television considerations precluded putting the Jaguars in the NFC with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. His second choice was the AFC East, setting up an instant rivalry with the Miami Dolphins. That became impossible when league realignment proposals failed.

"Happy? We're pleased to have a resolution, a definite division for '95," said Weaver, whose division includes Houston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Cincinnati. "But would the AFC Central be our preference? No. We were hoping for realigament."

So was NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, a strong advocate of divisional changes. When realignment didn't gain 21 of 28 "yes" votes, he simply had to slot the expansion teams into the divisions that currently have four teams, thereby creating six five-team groups.

Still, Tagliabue didn't sound disappointed.

"We've got a $4.5 billion television contract, we've got ratings up 34 percent on NBC with the current alignment," he said. "I'm not going to say, 'If we don't realign we won't be playing – like baseball.'

"I think we have a great league with a great product and some great rivalries. When you have something that's working well, you really have to make sure before you start changing something ... on a leap of faith."

He appointed a 10-member committee to study the issue and make recommendations for the March meeting – at which owners will either affirm Wednesday's resolution for 1996 and beyond or commit to a realignment plan.

Miami, this season's Super Bowl site, was bidding for its eighth title game. The San Francisco area had the Super Bowl only once before, 1985, when it was at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto.

"The attractions of San Francisco are obvious," Tagliabue said. "It's a world-class city, (with) one of America's greatest downtowns."

His announcement brought loud cheers from the San Francisco delegation and frowns from the Miami group.

Jerusalem vs. Mac. TA – hot clash of weekend

ORI LEWIS

THERE is no doubting the centerpiece of this weekend's soccer action. On any almost weekend a clash between Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel Aviv would steal the limelight. This time is no different, but perhaps more so because there is no other match which has two such prominent sides playing each other.

The result of the clash at Teddy Stadium is anybody's guess, which is what makes it an even more exciting prospect.

Maccabi, the new league leader, has looked the part for some time, while Betar, which started the season badly, has picked up some of the slack and is now only two points adrift of the leader. It has notched up some convincing wins of late, and has climbed up from the depths of the league into fourth place.

Tomorrow's clash is very similar to a derby – the best of Tel Aviv and the best of Jerusalem. And with 42,000 fans eagerly awaiting a major match in the capital, the police are taking no chances. Some 230 law enforcement officers will oversee the match and will try to prevent spectators from entering with objects which can be thrown at people.

Some ugly incidents recently have caused clubs – among them Maccabi Tel Aviv – to be penalized for unruly crowd behavior which involved the throwing of objects onto the pitch.

Elsewhere, second-placed Hapoel Tel Aviv and third-placed Bnei Yehuda, both of which are a point behind the leader, will be hoping for Maccabi to falter.

In the event that Hapoel manages to gain a home victory over Maccabi Netanya and Bnei Yehuda manages to beat Ironi Ashdod, also in a home fixture, both would go ahead of Maccabi.

Weekend fixtures (all matches tomorrow at 14:30 unless otherwise stated):

Hapoel Petah Tikva vs. Betar Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva; Zafririm Holon vs. Maccabi Haifa; Holon; Hapoel Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Netanya, Bloomfield, 16:00; Bnei Yehuda vs. Ironi Ashdod, Hatikva Quarter; Ironi Rishon vs. Hapoel Beersheba, Rishon (old ground); Betar Jerusalem vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Teddy Stadium, 18:00; Hapoel Haifa vs. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer 15:30; Hapoel Beit She'an vs. Maccabi Herzliya, Tiberias, today 14:00.

Foreman still thinks he's got it – instead he'll get it

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LONDON

GEORGE Foreman is not the only middle-aged heavyweight volunteering to be beaten up for large sums of money. Larry Holmes, Leon Spinks, Trevor Birbeck and Tim Witherspoon have all been offering themselves as blubbery punching bags for the younger generation. Anybody considered a seniors tour for boxing?

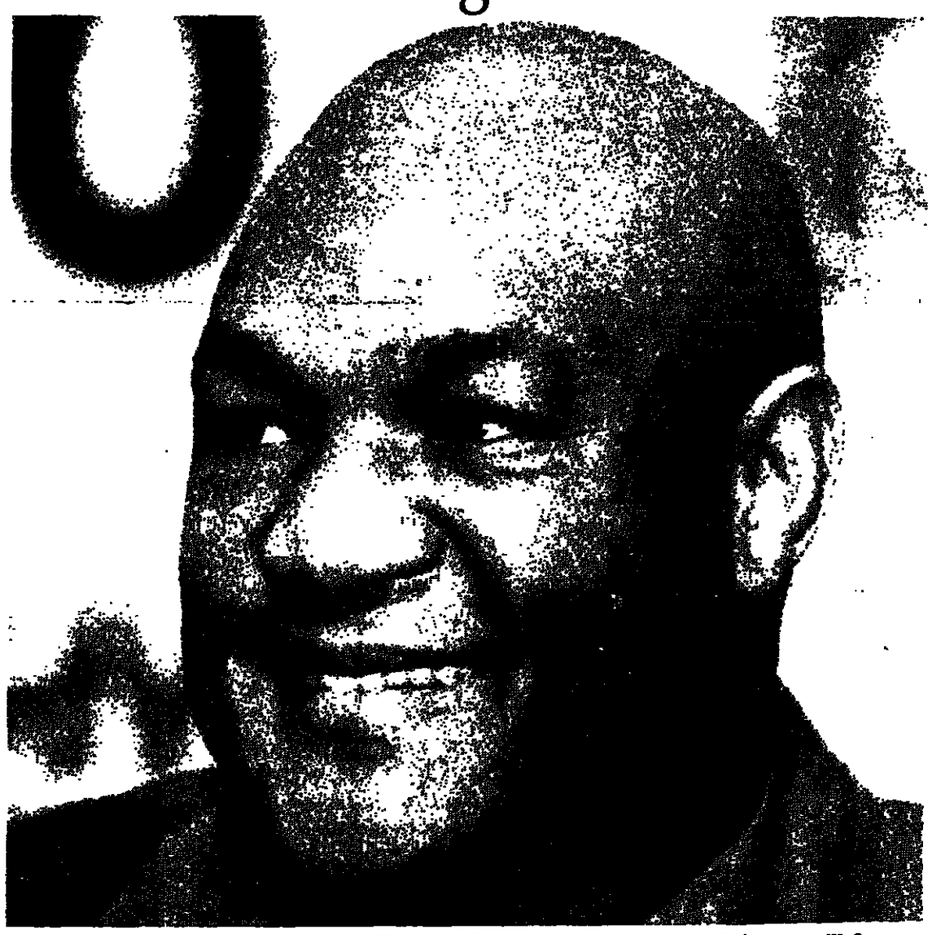
There are at present two George Foremans in circulation. The first is being remembered as one of the heroes of the Rumble in the Jungle with Muhammad Ali 20 years ago.

The other will resemble a Buddha being assaulted by a young mugger when he attempts to deprive Michael Moorer of his two heavyweight belts tomorrow in the suitably surreal setting of the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. How the redneck tendency will cheer.

It is a commonly-held misconception that "there are no good fights anymore." On November 18, in the same escapist's paradise, James Toney and Roy Jones will meet in one of the most eagerly-anticipated bouts since the Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard series of the 1980s.

But the preponderance of aging, tubby veterans in the heavyweight division is bringing even the staunchest defenders of boxing to the edge of despair.

In an 11-hour court hearing in Las Vegas in August, Foreman defended his right to fight Moorer by declaring: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are alive, and I'm living proof of it." But how many of those cherished American values will he be capable of spelling – never mind enjoying – after he has faced a champion 19 years his junior and not renowned for his displays of compassion or concern for the elderly?



OVER ACHIEVER OR OVER THE HILL? – Forty-six-year-old George Foreman will face an opponent 19 years his junior. (AP)

The Moorer-Foreman fight is indefensible – and not just for moral reasons. Foreman, now 46, has been inactive since losing to the discredited Tommy Morrison in June 1993 - 16 months ago. Since then he has seen his sitcom go down television's rating toilet and has returned to the ring more from a sense of aimlessness than a need for money. It was nice of the fight-game sharks to accommodate him so readily.

To do so, they needed help from a Las Vegas District Court Judge, Donald Mosley, who overturned the World Boxing Association's objections to the match after being told that no doctor had declared Foreman unfit to fight. Moorer is the WBA and International Boxing Federation champion, but the WBA did not want the fight to take place. Their lawyer, James Bimns, told the court the event could be "a precursor to what you see on television when you see Muhammad Ali".

Three cheers for the WBA? Not quite. This is the same governing body that sanctioned Riddick Bowe's first two title defenses against Michael Dokes – who turned up to the gym in his slippers – and our old friend Jesse Ferguson, who in March of this year was knocked out in one round by Frank Bruno. Ferguson provides a useful form line in all this because it recently took Larry Holmes, now 44, 10 dismal rounds to beat him in Minnesota and thus "earn" a world title fight with Oliver McCall in January.

Ah, but what if Foreman wins, the truth-twisters are whispering? Given Moorer's record and the strength of Foreman's upper-cut, together with his ability to withstand a punch, it may just happen that boxing will proclaim a 46-year-old heavyweight champion tomorrow. If Holmes defeats McCall then the two champs would have a combined age of 90. They should be given ear-trumpets and bathchairs as mementos of their folly.

There is a chilling ugliness in watching Foreman or Holmes fight. With Foreman this weekend the mind will be locked in replay mode as images of the fight with Ali in Zaire flicker across the memory. There, he was a bushy-haired, bull-chested destroyer of immense power and presence. When Moorer hits him tomorrow, the flab around Foreman's midriff will ripple horribly and globules of sweat will fly from his dangerously static head.

At the MGM Grand tomorrow there will be a sell-out crowd of 15,000-plus. One hopes there will be a doctor in the house.

(Daily Telegraph)

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Chelsea in Cup quarters

LONDON (AP) – Scottish striker John Spencer capped one of the most spectacular solo runs of the year with the deciding goal yesterday night as Chelsea drew 1-1 with Austria Vienna to advance to the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

Chelsea advanced on the away goals rule, with the two teams having played to a scoreless draw in the first leg in London two weeks ago.

With two defenders trailing in his wake, Spencer ran 80 meters with the ball after a Vienna shot off a corner kick was blocked by a wall of Chelsea players.

Spencer, playing his first match after sitting out four weeks with a knee injury, then drew goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt away from the net and slotted home the crucial away goal in the 40th minute.

Spencer's goal – and Chelsea's triumph – were the first bright moments in a dour week for English teams in European play. Newcastle and Aston Villa were knocked out of the UEFA Cup on Tuesday, and Manchester United was blown away 4-0 by Barcelona in the Champions' League on Wednesday.

The only other English club still active in Europe, defending Cup Winners' Cup champion Arsenal, took a 2-1 first-leg advantage over Brondby of Denmark into the return match at London later yesterday.

In a UEFA Cup game, Karlheinz Riedle scored two goals as Borussia Dortmund of Germany gained a third-round berth with a 3-0 home victory over Slovan Bratislava of Slovakia. Borussia advanced on 4-2 aggregate.

Pleat expected to return to Tottenham

LONDON (Reuter) – Former Tottenham manager David Pleat, who left the club under a cloud seven years ago, was widely reported yesterday to be on the verge of moving back to White Hart Lane.

The early editions of almost every national newspaper reported that Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar, who sacked manager Ossie Ardiles on Monday, has approached Luton, where Pleat is currently manager, for permission to talk to the 49-year-old former Spurs boss.

The reports say Sugar wants Pleat back at Spurs to work as a general manager, chief executive or director of football.

Pleat took Tottenham to third place in the old First Division in 1987 and to the FA Cup Final in the same year. But later that year he was sacked by previous Spurs chairman Irving Scholar after allegations about his private life which were never proven.

Other candidates for the job at Tottenham are said to include Queens Park Rangers manager Gerry Francis and former Dutch and Saudi Arabian national coach Leo Beenhakker.

United looking for salvation against fellow Euro-flop Villa

LONDON (Reuter) – Manchester United will attempt to recover its pride after being "slaughtered" by Barcelona in the European Champions' League when it faces fellow Euro-flop Aston Villa in the Premier League Sunday.

Manager Alex Ferguson said after Manchester United's humiliating loss in Spain – its worst defeat in Europe for 17 years and its worst in any match for four years – "We were well and truly slaughtered."

The defeat was also the largest United has suffered since Ferguson moved to Old Trafford eight years ago this week and he must now pick his men off the floor for the important visit to Aston Villa, itself at the wrong end of a European mugging.

Villa, which has slid down the table with just one point from a possible 21 from its last seven matches, was knocked out of the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule by Trabzonspor of Turkey on Tuesday and manager Ron Atkinson is coming under increasing pressure to improve matters at Villa Park.

Villa chairman Doug Ellis said yesterday: "Losing to Trabzonspor was bad enough but our current position among the bottom four in the table is quite unacceptable. Quite simply, we can't afford to run the risk of relegation."

Newcastle United, which also went out of the UEFA Cup after losing on away goals to Athletic Bilbao of Spain, is at home to Queen's Park Rangers.

Newcastle, which lost its unbeaten record last week, heads the standings by two points from Blackburn and Nottingham Forest, both on 27.

Blackburn faces beleagured Tottenham at home tomorrow with Spurs under the control of caretaker manager Steve Perryman for the first time following the sacking of Ossie Ardiles on Monday.

It could be the only match Perryman is in charge for, with reports linking former Spurs manager David Pleat with a return to White Hart Lane gaining strength.

Nottingham Forest, which like Newcastle also lost its unbeaten record last week when it lost to Blackburn, travels to fifth-placed Liverpool, eager to maintain its push for the top.

Sampras, Ivanisevic advance to quarters in Paris Open

PARIS (AP) – Top-seeded Pete Sampras and defending champion Goran Ivanisevic used identical scores to advance to the quarter-finals of the $2.25 million Paris Open yesterday.

Sampras downed hard-serving Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), while defending champion Ivanisevic blasted 25 aces of his own to beat Magnus Larsson of Sweden by the same score in the third round matches.

Second-seeded Ivanisevic needed just an hour to move past Larsson and gained a quarter-final meeting against Michael Chang who put Cedric Pioline of France out of the tournament, 6-4, 7-5.

The seventh-seeded Chang wasted five match points before winning his contest.

Two-time French Open Sergi Bruguera of Spain beat Mark Woodforde of Australia, 6-4, 6-4. Woodforde had eliminated Jim Courier on Wednesday but could not stand up to the relentless pressure of Bruguera.

Czech Petr Korda, who was out for more than two months with hip injuries, beat 12th-seeded Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, 6-4, 6-2. Bruguera and Korda meet in the quarter-finals.

Marc Rosset, 14th seeded from Switzerland, had an easy time when France's Lionel Roux had to retire with a wrist injury. Rosset was up 6-1, 3-0 at the time. Roux, who had received a wild-card entry into the tournament, had beaten third-seeded Michael Stich on Tuesday.

Krajicek had beaten Sampras the last two times they met, including a match in the Davis Cup quarter-final.

Krajicek had 15 aces and served up to 213 kilometers an hour. But Sampras was a little steadier at the net and made the key service routine to make the points.

In the second set tiebreaker Sampras jumped to a 4-1 lead behind two winning service returns and two volleys.

SCOREBOARD

ISRAEL HOCKEY LEAGUE – The Jerusalem Capitals demolished the Ramat Gan Wings 20-3 on Tuesday. Avi Spodak scored seven goals while Barry Yermus chipped in with four. The victory brings the Caps' record to 1 and 1 and ties them for second place in the league.

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Hizbullah threatens Jews who visit Arab countries

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH yesterday issued a thinly veiled threat that any Jewish businessmen or tourists visiting Arab countries are likely to become targets for attack.

The threat was contained in an official announcement by the Iranian-backed extremist Shi'ite organization following similar warnings by officials and spokesmen of the group.

The statement reiterated what the officials had been saying earlier – that Hizbullah and other extremist Moslem groups will never accept or tolerate any form of peace deal with Israel.

Hizbullah has made it clear it views any agreements signed between Israel and Arab countries as treaties between regimes, and certainly not peace between peoples.

The statement yesterday vowed that the Arab and Islamic nation would resist any normalization of ties between Israel and Arab States and would "deal blows against it."

"No Jews will be safe either in their tourism or in their trade," the official statement said.

The announcement, first broadcast on Hizbullah's own radio stations in Lebanon yesterday morning, denounced the Casablanca economic conference, saying it served "no purpose other than to ensure American and Zionist economic domination of the region."

"The [Arab and Moslem] peoples of the region are refusing this normalization that is being imposed on them by their leaders. We will strike at this normalization and against the creation of this [economic domination] company that is based in Tel Aviv," the statement added.

Meanwhile, a leading Hizbullah cleric, Sheikh Hashem Safieddine, was quoted in the Lebanese press yesterday as saying that Hizbullah had shown the IDF to be no better than the South Lebanese Army.

Referring to Hizbullah's attack last Saturday against an IDF stronghold in ther eastern sector of the zone, Safieddine said: "The extent of the enemy's confusion and its desire to find scapegoats for the Dabsha debacle shows a deterioration in the psychology of the Zionist soldiers," said Safieddine.

"We have concrete proof, which we will show, that the Zionist soldiers were at the gate of the stronghold and manning their posts. It was the swiftness and effectiveness of our attack that made them lose their heads.

"Today there is no difference between the Zionists and the [SLA] collaborators, even though the former are better equippcd and protected," he was quoted as saying.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility yesterday for long-range mortar attacks against three SLA positions in the western sector of the security zone. There were no casualties among the SLA troops and both IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

In a separate development, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi made it perfectly clear in a speech to his cabinet yesterday that his recent proposal to establish a joint political and military committee with Israel, to work out a timetable for the IDF's withdrawal from the security zone, contained nothing new.



Members of the Border Police undercover unit assault a 'terrorist objective' during an exercise yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Border Police undercover unit revealed

BILL HUTMAN and BATSHEVA TSUR

ITS members disguised as Arabs and operating in the heart of Palestinian villages and towns, a Border Police undercover unit has been a major force in the war against terror.

Yesterday, after fours years of operation in which it was involved in the killing or capture of some 120 terrorists, the unit was officially "uncovered" for the first time.

"Even while we are talking peace, such units as this must continue to operate, to ensure the nation remains strong," said President Ezer Weizman, after reviewing the unit's work.

At a base in the Desert, policemen serving with the unit, founded in 1990, demonstrated their special methods and weapons. Chief Superintendent N., the unit's commander, revealed that special techniques were recently developed to capture terrorists on their way to kidnap hitchhikers.

"Even while Israel reaches out with one hand for peace, it must always have the second hand on the trigger," said N., who has over a decade's experience in anti-terror operations.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists are the unit's primary targets. N. said that, since its founding, the unit had killed 50 terrorists and captured 70 "serious terrorists," as well as dozens of other activists.

The president watched undercover policemen practise entering a crowded Palestinian "market" where a nationalistic march, including armed terrorists, was under way. The policemen pulled up in a vehicle with territories license plates and surprised the "terrorists," opening fire and killing them.

N. said that members of the unit in many cases do not need disguises to blend into the communities where they operate.

"Our guys enter a market in Kalkilya like they enter Mahaneh Yehuda in Jerusalem," N. said. "They feel comfortable and they know how to react in any situation."

He said part of their undercover training involves simply walking around an Arab village or town acquainting themselves with the surroundings and habits of the people.

"If there is someone who feels uncomfortable in such a situation, he does not stay in the unit," N. said, noting that while service in the unit is tough, most members complete their time and often sign on for more.

After the exercise Weizman took the opportunity to call on politicians and senior officers to stop attacking the army over the Hizbullah attack on an IDF stronghold in southern Lebanon last Saturday.

Calling for restraint, Weizman said: "We have to examine what happened there ... I think there has been a great deal of exaggeration about the subject.

"What happened was not good," Weizman continued, "but I call on friends of mine who served with me when I was in uniform, and later when I was defense minister, not to criticize the army in such a public and exaggerated fashion. That, in my opinion, is to bite the hand that feeds us."

'Ministry wanted to freeze Nebi Samwil project'

THE prosecution in the Deri trial yesterday concluded its questioning of Moshe Ayin-Mor, the former general manager of the Arim development company. Former interior minister Aryeh Deri is on trial in the Jerusalem District Court on charges of fraud and betrayal of public trust.

"The Housing Ministry did everything it could so that the Israel Lands Administration, Arim's main backer, would freeze the Nebi Samwil project," testified Ayin-Mor.

Arim is owned jointly by the Housing Ministry and the Israel Lands Administration. According to Ayin-Mor, the two bodies do not always work in harmony, and in 1985 the ministry feared that Arim's projects would compete with its own projects in Jerusalem.

He testified that certain elements in the ministry were concerned that they would not succeed in selling the ministry's inventory of inexpensive apartments in the city, and thus sought to freeze Arim projects in the capital, including Nebi Samwil.

Ayin-Mor told the court about meetings he had held with Deri and prospective homeowners regarding the development of the alternative land their Har Shmuel housing association would receive instead of the Nebi Samwil land.

At a meeting with Deri in his office, Ayin-Mor said, Deri asked him not to make things difficult for the buyers, who wanted Arim to relinquish the Nebi Samwil project. However, Ayin-Mor said he told Deri that Arim would not give up the project.

Ayin-Mor said his view remained unchanged until the then director-general of the Housing Ministry, Amos Unger, told him on a tour of Nebi Samwil that Arim would have to abandon the project. Unger told him Arim would be compensated for its investment in the project until then, Ayin-Mor said. (Itim)

Record number of tourists arrive

A record number of more than 70,000 tourists arrived during the first two weeks of October, a 30 percent increase over last year. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said this shows that peace is bearing fruit in this area, despite the recent spate of terror attacks.

Court asked to have Olmert tried for arranging illegal Likud campaign contributions

EVELYN GORDON

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert should be tried for his alleged role in arranging illegal contributions to the Likud's 1988-89 election campaigns, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday.

The petition was filed by Amitai – Citizens for Good Government, and is based on an case currently being heard in Tel Aviv District Court.

According to the indictment in this case, the Likud received contributions from organizations for both its 1988 Knesset campaign and its 1989 local authorities campaigns, even though political parties are not allowed to receive donations from organizations.

To conceal this fact, the party allegedly set up two fictitious advertising companies, which issued receipts to donor organizations as if the money had been spent on advertising services. This enabled them to deduct the donations as business expenses.

In this way, the Likud raised NIS 1.3 million. This money was not recorded in the books of the two associations set up by the party to run its election campaigns, nor was it included in the party's reports to the state comptroller, according to the indictment.

In 1991, 10 people were indicted on account of this affair, including Menahem Atzmon, one of the two treasurers of the party's election organization. The other one was Olmert, who was Health Minister at the time. Olmert was also chairman of one of the party's campaign associations, according to the petition, and he signed for the party on its false reports to the state comptroller.

Although Olmert was investigated by the police, then Attorney-General Yosef Harish decided there was not enough evidence to put him on trial.

However, Amitai claims evidence heard during Atzmon's trial has implicated Olmert, and that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair should therefore rethink Harish's decision.

Five justices to rule on Labor-Shas deal

EVELYN GORDON

FIVE justices will hear the petitions against the Labor-Shas coalition agreement, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar decided yesterday.

However, he has not yet decided who they will be, or when the case will be heard.

Usually, five justices are assigned to a case only if it involves a particularly complex or sensitive issue. It also, however, prevents an appeal of the ruling, since the High Court of Justice will not rehear a case if the original panel included more than three justices.

The case centers around Labor's promise to Shas that if the religious status quo is violated, the government will pass legislation to rectify the situation. During the preliminary hearing, the justices warned that this blanket promise might be an illegal abdication of the government's responsibility to weigh each proposed piece of legislation on its own merits.

However, Labor and Shas have since added a clarification, which says the government will examine any proposed legislation on its merits. This led Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to withdraw his objection to the agreement, which had initially been the same as the court's.

Boy insists he wasn't kidnapped by rabbi

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

SHAI Fhima, the young man at the heart of what amounts to a custody suit between his mother and a hassidic rabbi, has told a New York court he had not been kidnapped. Instead, he said, he fled from his Israeli-born mother.

Rabbi Shlomo Helbrans and his wife, Malka, are on trial on kidnapping charges. The boy disappeared in April 1992, soon after his mother, Hana Fhima, sent him to study for his bar mitzva with the rabbi, from an offshoot of the Satmar Hassidic community in Brooklyn.

Shai, who appeared as a witness for Helbrans, told the court on Wednesday he had run away from his mother because she had beaten him.

"I decided that I was going to run away because I couldn't live that way anymore. Because after you've seen a normal life, you can't live an abnormal life," said Shai, 15.

Officials in Rockland County previously investigated the boy's charges of abuse and said they were unfounded.

"It really hurts me to see what this child has become," his mother told reporters after her son testified. "It's not my Shai. They changed him and turned him against his family."

Shai surfaced in an Orthodox community outside New York last February, telling authorities that he had run away because his secular parents did not respect his desire to live as an Orthodox Jew.

Since then, in separate legal proceedings, Hana Fhima agreed to share custody of her son with another Orthodox rabbi.

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Torn between a benevolent king and his subjects

Moroccan Jews continue to live in ambivalence. They respect their monarch, who protects them from their Arab neighbors, Jose Rosenfeld writes



A Moroccan water vendor walks the streets looking for customers in Rabat, where Foreign Minister Shimon Peres inaugurated the Israeli interest section this week. (Isaac Harari)

THE STRUGGLE between Jacob and Esau in their mother's womb may well be a parable about Morocco's Jews and their Arab compatriots and about Israel's image in Morocco, according to a Casablanca rabbi's midrashic interpretation.

The rabbi delivered his Shabbat sermon in fluent Hebrew instead of Arabic, in deference to the Israeli visitors. Esau asks Jacob why he is fighting to leave their mother's womb – it's so comfortable in there, they have a perfect knowledge of Torah and can see the end of things. Jacob agrees, but says it is not worth much if it has to be shared with such an evil neighbor.

What the rabbi doesn't mention is that Jacob leaves his mother's cozy womb holding onto Esau's heel.

King Hassan II of Morocco seems to be the heel which Morocco's Jews are holding on to.

It is difficult to find a Jew who has a bad word for the king. Some even mention how the monarch and his father Mohammed V before him protected them from their Arab neighbors. On the other hand, many do not have a kind word for most of their Arab compatriots.

At the Shabbat dinner, my Jewish host says Morocco is not ready for human rights. He cites as proof his experience with a friend, who is a high-ranking Moroccan police officer. On one occasion he went to the official's office and found him beating a suspect to a bloody pulp; the officer explained to him that that was the only way "to deal with Moroccans."

My host continues in this vein, saying that if a Moroccan is caught stealing a book and is treated in a humane way, the authorities will never uncover the fact that he may also have committed murder.

The deep suspicions harbored by the Jews are apparently shared by their king, whose troops and police are even more ubiquitous than his portraits, which grace every hotel lobby and conference room.

According to one Jew, all Casablanca residents living along the main thoroughfares used by foreign visitors have received fliers ordering them to shutter their windows and refrain from standing in their balconies when motorcades pass by.

In addition, they are not to talk to foreigners or invite them to their homes. If, however, foreigners do visit them, they have to report the fact to the police.

But fliers and warnings notwithstanding, many windows are not shuttered and several balconies have their onlookers.

Taxi drivers and others do not shy away from arguing with traffic policemen, and extensive bottlenecks prove it. The police often create the traffic jams they are supposed to prevent in order to allow Casablanca Summit participants to get to their meetings.

THE JEWISH community of Casablanca maintained an active religious life during all the years when Israel was isolated. The city has eight active synagogues, and on Shabbat, the children, who are well-versed in their tradition, all but lead the services. They sing the prayers beautifully, as if Hebrew were their mother tongue.

The immediate area around the synagogues, the old Jewish quarters, are not well preserved. My host tells me apologetically that, since the large exodus of the community, the sidewalks are full of potholes, as the people who moved into their properties have neglected to maintain them.

But Casablanca seems to be indifferent to its colonial past, letting the ornate and imposing buildings inherited from past rulers deteriorate. The central post office, with its imposing pillars and loose roof tiles, manned by a few clerks and visited by stray cats, is a more authentic reflection of the city's reality than the freshly painted facades.

AS I am prevented from entering the international press center to get my press badge because only people with badges are allowed into the building in the first place, a member of the local press sings the praises of free expression in Morocco.

Although the summit's main aim is to illustrate to the world the breaking down of barriers between Israel and the Arabs, it is far from easy for journalists to gain access to the story.

The press is barred from attending the conference's sessions and from entering the royal palace, where the main events are taking place.

Notwithstanding reports that the large Israeli retinue in Casablanca is inspiring fears of Israeli domination of the Middle East, Israelis are being sought by Moroccans as possible business partners.

Israelis are the big fish in town.

A Moroccan businessmen, who is serving as liaison to an Israeli government official, says that when he accompanied the official into the royal palace, the chief of palace security asked what he was doing. When the businessman told him he was escorting an Israeli official, the security officer immediately asked if he could introduce him to the visitor, because he owns lands and wants to develop his agriculture business.

Similarly, I am approached by the head of Morocco's tobacco monopoly, a former director of Morocco's central bank, who asks me to arrange a meeting with Israel's agriculture minister. He, too, owns large tracts of land which he wants to develop.

Morocco has strong elements of an agrarian, semifeudal economy. From the king down, agricultural land ownership is commmon. The fact that one is an economist or a doctor does not exclude one from being a landowner with an economic interest in agriculture.

Coming from Israel, one is struck by the names of companies such as Bayer or Hoechst gracing factories outside Casablanca although the country is still largely in the grip of an agrarian economy.

Israeli and Moroccan-Jewish businessmen have found that Moroccans are excellent consumers of Israeli agricultural inputs.

Moroccans apparently get even better yields based on Israeli knowhow than Israelis do, because they are good farmers. What they lack is the ability to improvise, the businessmen say.

There doesn't seem to be a Moroccan Jew who does not have most of his family in Israel.

In the eyes of the locals, Moroccans who emigrated to Israel will always remain Moroccan. The Jews, however, feel less than fully at ease as Moroccans. Despite their benevolent ruler, their relationship with Israel had to be kept hidden until recently. My hosts marvel at the fact that the Israeli delegation to Casablanca arrived on a direct flight from Tel Aviv, something they never imagined would happen in their lifetime.

The wall that contained their Zionist pride was breached this week when Foreign Minister Shimon Peres inaugurated the Israeli interest section in Rabat in an emotional ceremony.

Tears welled in the eyes of Jews who, for the first time, saw the Israeli flag waving openly in their country.

MK Eli Dayan, who emigrated from Morocco as a teenager, tells me it was a very exciting moment for him to see the openly displayed Israeli flag.

He recalls that, when he was a child in Marrakesh, his teacher would clandestinely show him and the other pupils a map of Israel, together with a flag which was hidden inside a picture frame.

As Morocco and the rest of the Arab world normalize relations with Israel, Israel may finally emerge from the confines of persecution to become just another nation among others.

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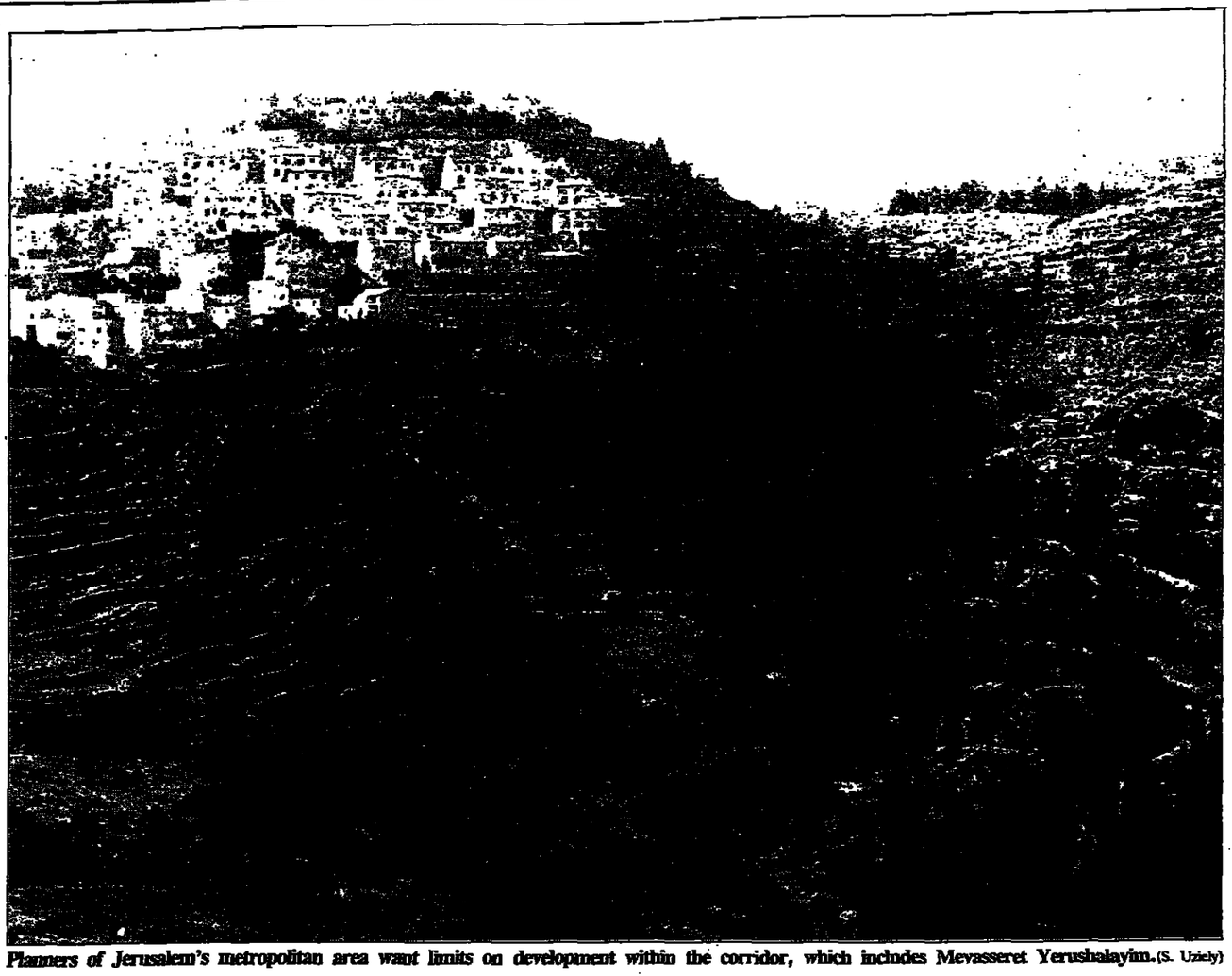
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Capital's secret plan: New roads, new homes

A highway cuts past Ramallah, Ma'aleh Adumim remains on the map, and the Palestinians are to be consulted, Bill Hutman reports



Planners of Jerusalem's metropolitan area want limits on development within the corridor, which includes Mevasseret Yerushalayim. (S. Uziely)

IT'S a closely guarded secret and it has far-reaching political implications. It's only a plan for a metropolitan area, but then, Jerusalem is not like other cities.

An interministerial committee that has been meeting for two years to determine plans for development in metropolitan Jerusalem has nearly completed its work, committee sources revealed this week.

However, the principles set down by the committee reflect policies that are already being pursued by the ministries involved, and affect plans to build everything from new homes to new roads in the Jerusalem area.

The sources said a sharp Palestinian reaction is expected to the plan because of the changes it calls for in areas over the Green Line which are slated to come under Palestinian control.

For that reason, the committee's proceedings and the final proposal it is now completing are being kept as secret as possible.

The sources, meanwhile, emphasized that if the plan is presented correctly by the government as beneficial to both Israelis and Palestinians, the Palestinian leadership could be convinced of its importance.

"This is going to be a major test of whether this peace is for real, and whether there is really going to be cooperation," one of the sources said.

The details are being finalized by officials from the Interior, Housing and Transport ministries and Israel Lands Administration. The final product is to be presented to Prime Minister Rabin soon. Such a plan would normally just be presented to the interior minister, but because of the sensitivity of the area, it will in all likelihood have to be approved by the entire government.

The sections involving areas in Samaria have already been shown to at least one government minister, in the hope that the plan can be presented to Palestinian leaders for consideration.

The proposals for the Jerusalem metropolitan area – bordered to the north by Ramallah and the south by Bethlehem, and including Ma'aleh Adumim to the east and Beit Shemesh to the west – center on the construction of two new highways linking the coast and Jerusalem.

One highway, No. 45, is slated to enter Jerusalem from the north and is the most controversial because it goes through areas that are expected to come under Palestinian authority in Samaria.

Highway No. 45 is to start from the Tel Aviv area, pass Ben-Gurion Airport, and then cut south just before Ramallah toward Jerusalem. It is meant to provide an excellent route for commercial traffic to and from Jerusalem, Ramallah and other Arab and Jewish communities in the area.

Planners, who have dubbed the proposal the "peace highway," say it will eventually continue to Amman.

Service and industrial areas are proposed along Highway No. 45 between the airport and Jerusalem.

The committee did not address the issue of housing construction along the route because it is over the Green Line.

The other highway, No. 39, is slated to run from Ashdod, pass just south of Beit Shemesh and Tzur Hadassah, and enter the capital from the southwest. This highway would be within the Green Line all the way, and is meant to serve a greatly expanded Beit Shemesh, giving residents there easy access to Jerusalem. Major growth expansion is also slated for Tzur Hadassah.

The planners recognized the massive housing crunch in Jerusalem and the need to find solutions, and fast. But they opted against allowing the city to simply expand outwards in the effort to build new homes.

Instead, home-buyers in Jerusalem will be encouraged – as they already are – to move to Beit Shemesh or even Modi'in.

The metropolitan Jerusalem plan also calls for the continued expansion of Ma'aleh Adumim, just east of the capital.

"We were working under the assumption that there is a consensus surrounding Ma'aleh Adumim," although the community lies over the Green Line, the committee source said.

The committee resisted allowing for construction in the few remaining undeveloped valleys and wadis in Jerusalem. They will be preserved to protect the city's character.

The plan calls for several thousand units to be built in existing neighborhoods and several large undeveloped tracts, most notably Har Homa in southern Jerusalem. The committee also recommends building high rises in the city center.

A recent survey by the Engineers, Architects and Academics Bureau showed that nearly 50,000 units could be built in Jerusalem without damaging the city's natural beauty.

The committee, meanwhile, also set sharp limits on development within the Jerusalem corridor – what today is largely a green belt with only small communities between Sha'ar Hagai and the capital.

The planners want construction in the corridor to be limited to the boundaries of the existing communities. Green areas are to remain untouched.

This week, that principle was nearly violated. Several Jerusalem corridor moshavim and kibbutzim proposed massive housing development on agricultural and undeveloped land they lease from the Israel Lands Administration.

Beit Nekofa proposed the construction of some 4,000 units near Route 1 and Mevasseret Yerushalayim. Aminadav also wanted to build 4,000 units in the Arazim Valley at the western entrance to the capital. Givat Ye'arim planned to build 6,850 units and Kessalon over 2,500 units in the same valley.

If the proposals had been approved, the Jerusalem metropolitan area would have fast looked like the Tel Aviv megalopolis, where development continues without differentiation between communities, with barely a forest or grassy knoll in sight.

"It would have been a disaster," said Tsippi Ron, head of the Jerusalem branch of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Those behind the projects, however, said they were trying to do what the government wanted: build homes to help ease the housing crunch. They charged "the greens" with being insensitive to the needs of young couples in Jerusalem.

In the end, however, the Committee for Expediting Construction (Valal) rejected the Beit Nekofa project, and the other communities withdrew their plans from the committee hearing for fear theirs wouldn't be approved either.

The Valal committee – sharply criticized in the past for providing the loophole whereby many poorly thought-out plans were approved – kept to the principles set down by the committee on metropolitan Jerusalem.

For the moment, this simply shows that those principles are already widely supported by state planners.

But soon the government itself will have to decide on the matter, and determine just how Israel wants Jerusalem and its environs to look in the 21st century.

Peace salesman's message: We must join the Middle East

Former ambassador to Egypt Shimon Shamir tells Steve Rodan that the greatest threat to Arab-Israeli conciliation is religious extremism

SHIMON Shamir recalls hearing the following story: A journalist asks six leading Israelis what car, given peace and open borders, they would want to take on a Middle East tour, and what would be their route.

The six all list popular sports cars and give the same route: Israel-Lebanon-Syria-Turkey and off to Europe.

To Shamir, the story points to what he sees as the most important reason to reeducate Israelis about the meaning of peace: the need to integrate into the region. "We must learn to speak to our neighbors as an Israel that is part of the Middle East, and not as an Israel talking *to* the Middle East," he says.

Today, Shamir is one of the country's leading salesmen for peace. He does not organize demonstrations or serve as a government spokesman. Instead, as head of Tel Aviv University's Tami Steinmetz Center of Peace Research, Shamir sponsors monthly surveys of public opinion regarding the peace process, organizes meetings between Israelis and Arabs from all walks of life, and participates in research projects with Arab academics.

He is also organizing the training of Israeli diplomats in Arabic language and culture.

The 60-year-old Shamir, who arrived here from Romania at age seven, is regarded as close to Israeli policymakers, particularly Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Peres appointed Shamir as ambassador to Egypt in 1988; Shamir resigned two years later, saying he could not represent the policies of the then-Likud government of prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shimon Shamir is pleased about the Casablanca economic conference. He says it strengthened relations not only between governments but also between Israelis and Arabs, particularly those in the business community. He does not share the criticism that the Israeli delegation of 10 ministers and scores of lower-ranking officials, parliamentarians, journalists and industrialists resulted in an embarrassingly high profile.

"If I have any criticism it is that we did not transmit enough positive messages to our Arab neighbors, to talk to them in the language they understand," he says. "The truth of the matter is that we are not ready for peace. We did not believe in peace. Most Israelis didn't believe that we would have such a rapid pace of peace."

Shamir cites Israeli ignorance of Arabic. The Foreign Ministry simply has a shortage of Arabic-speaking diplomats who can fill the many missions and embassies expected to be opened in Jordan, North Africa and perhaps the Gulf within the next year. Shamir says he's not looking for the traditional Arabist to fill these positions.

"They learned Arabic in the context of 'know thine enemy,' " he says. "They learned Arabic as part of Israel's information campaign to the Arab world. I want another person who doesn't yet know Arabic but has good relations with people and wants to know Arabic culture."



Shamir: We are not ready for peace. We did not believe in peace. (Jerozolimski)

Shamir sees a convergence of interests between the elite of Israeli society and its counterpart in the Arab world. Both, he says, are thoroughly modern, secular, English-speaking and sophisticated. "One of the common mistakes is to see Arab society through the image of the Beduin, the *fellah* [farmer]," he says. "This is not Arab society today. The Arabs we deal with are educated in Western universities and often speak better English than Israelis."

On the subject of Syria, Shamir regards President Hafez Assad as belonging to the generation of Arab revolutionaries. "In Egypt, to go from war to peace, we needed to go from Nasser to Sadat – who thought in win-win terms – to find ways to the modern world. This change of leadership did not happen in Syria," he says.

"Assad's formative years were those of Arab revolution, of power struggles, of zero-sum games. Even though he is looking for dialogue with the United States, his basic outlook is still that of conflict, and the same thing applies to his attitude toward Israel.

"Yes, he wants peace. It's possible he will make peace. But the road to that is so difficult because of his style of negotiations. It's similar to the Soviet style of negotiations: start from a very extreme position, don't fraternize, don't reciprocate, don't let time play a factor."

Shamir says that for Israel to return the Golan, there has to be a very high level of trust. "And [Assad] is not doing that. When there is a gesture, it is so transparent that it is out of American pressure, that it loses its value. After every so-called gesture, the level of trust among Israelis drop."

The professor has met with Syrians in Arab-Israeli workshops and has found that they, unlike other Arabs, can't speak freely but feel bound to a government line.

Moreover, the Syrians don't understand Israel or its need for peace. "I remember one professor from Aleppo sipping coffee. He said to me, 'We want peace. But why do you need an embassy? Why is that important? Can't we have peace just by terminating war?' I tried to explain to the best of my ability why we need tangible peace. I am not sure he understood it."

Egypt's feelings toward the peace process represent a contradiction, Shamir says. "On one hand, they are the pioneers. They started this process. On the other hand, relations with Arab countries developed faster than with the Egyptians. This is the subject of a very lively debate in Egypt. They speak about the fact that the Arabs are rushing ahead and the Egyptians are waiting behind. Why? Perhaps Egyptians carry the scars of the 10 years they were isolated in the Arab world. Jordan and Morocco are developing relations and it is accepted. At that time, Egypt was denounced.

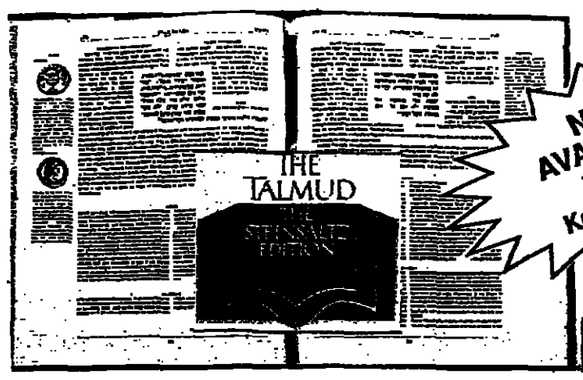
"[The Egyptians] may lose their initiative and leadership role if they don't conduct a reassessment of this peace and what it requires."

Shamir says the greatest threat to Arab-Israeli conciliation is religious extremism, both Islamic and Jewish. "It overshadows the problem of the peace process. The future of the Middle East will be determined by the outcome of this struggle."

Shamir's vision is that of Israel and its Arab neighbors having open borders, free passage of people and goods. He cites this as a requirement for any solution between Israel and the Palestinians, where the two peoples live on both sides of the 1967 Green Line.

"I know this might sound outlandish with the problem of terror, security measures and closures," Shamir says, "but if we think about relationships in the long-term, it must be a relationship of two sides that cooperate on a high level. I don't mean domination. If we don't manage to develop that, then we have hardly a chance of solving the problem of final status."

"Many Israelis and Palestinians support the peace process because they are fed up with the other side and feel that peace will make the other side disappear," he says. "Peace will not make the other side disappear. We are two peoples living in the same country. And there is no political decision that can change this fact."



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Why the PhD is becoming the rich man's degree

Doctoral candidates at the Hebrew University say cuts in their pay will eventually reduce the pool of future professors, Carl Schrag reports

SHAI Bar Yaacov started work on his doctorate in English literature and theater at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem two years ago. Under ideal circumstances, he says, he should be able to complete it in three more years.

But circumstances are far from ideal. He also has to earn a living. So, during the academic year, he carries the load of a busy teacher. He teaches three or four classes a week, corrects papers and meets with students. Precious little time remains for what should be his top priority.

"During the summer, when I should make the most progress, I have to take on all kinds of extra work just to support myself," he says.

Now, he and some 700 other doctoral and post-doctoral students are up in arms about serious cuts in their compensation. They have vowed to strike on Tuesday unless their compensation is restored to last year's level. The strike would affect thousands of students.

Last year, the university paid Bar Yaacov, 36, a monthly salary of about NIS 1,400 for his work, and an academic grant of some NIS 1,600 per month. This year, his workload will be a bit lighter, so his salary will be about NIS 1,200. His grant, however, has been cut in half.

"The university says the grants are based on academic excellence, but they are an integral part of our compensation," Bar Yaacov says. "My department told me my grant was being cut because the maximum grant this year is 50 percent of last year's maximum, not because my performance has declined."

YOAV RINON-Hamou, 31, who heads the junior faculty union, explains that nearly a decade ago the university arranged to have most of the compensation for junior faculty members to be paid as grants instead of as salaries, thereby saving the cost of paying social benefits on the lion's share of the compensation.

At the same time, it began to pay salaries only eight months per year. Each summer, Rinon-Hamou and his colleagues are fired from their posts, and each fall they are rehired. This procedure – which is now being challenged in the Jerusalem District Labor Court – prevents the junior faculty from accruing certain benefits and legal protections associated with long-term employment.

Other benefits, such as payments to an advanced training fund (*keren hishtalmut*) and provident fund (*kupat gemel*) are paid only on the salary portion of their income. There is one benefit to this split compensation: The grant portion is not subject to income tax. But the income-tax authorities are now debating whether this will continue.

"Doing a doctorate has become a privilege open only to people who have rich parents or a lawyer husband," Bar Yaacov says.

Rinon-Hamou stresses that even last year's situation was hardly gratifying. Most junior faculty receive a half-time salary of about NIS 850 per month; the bulk of their compensation comes from the academic grant.

"We have never asked for more money," Rinon-Hamou says, noting the university offered them the same 40 percent over three years that all university faculty got after last year's lecturers' strike.

"We did not sign, because what we really want is for them to turn our grant into salary, like it was for those who began teaching before 1985." The aim, he says, is to be recognized as an integral part of the university teaching staff. "If they would do that, we would be willing to forgo the 40 percent."

FOR Bar Yaacov, the money is important, but so is the issue of how the university relates to its junior faculty.

"We are the future of the university, but they relate to us as if we aren't important," he claims.

If something doesn't change, and soon, the number of people pursuing doctorates here will decline, he says, and the university is liable to find itself without a ready source of lecturers and professors to replace people who retire.

"Maybe the university wants the better students to get their training abroad, and then be lured back here by high enough salary offers," he says. "But if that's their plan, they should tell us."

Hebrew University president Prof. Hanoch Gutfreund says the university does not think the dispute is serious enough to warrant a strike, and stresses that "the university is standing by all of its obligations."

Since the grants, and not the salaries, have been cut, that may be technically true, the junior faculty say. But for the past decade, grants have been given in lieu of salaries, so cutting them has the same effect as cutting salaries.

A university spokesman said that the rector's office will investigate each claim of reduced grants. Rinon-Hamou maintains, however, that the problem is not limited to a few individuals. He puts the average cut at NIS 500 per month, but adds: "Some were hurt much more than that."



To swindle with love, Tel Aviv style

The 51-year-old man who police say charmed his way through a swindling spree here admits only to owing money, Raine Marcus reports

HENRI Huna Melle appeared to have everything some women wanted.

Although not good looking and far from slim, the smooth-talking 51-year-old Romanian native, who described himself as a leading journalist for a Brazilian newspaper, was kind, considerate and generous, with courtly European manners.

The women, police say, had one thing Melle wanted – and got. Money.

"He emotionally raped me," said Debbie, not her real name. She said he defrauded her out of of NIS 22,000.

"But he also got at me through my 4½-year-old son. He was so good to him. My son came to depend on him, and when he disappeared, my kid was heartbroken. I had to consult a psychologist."

Not only did she lose her life's savings and self-respect, but 40-year-old Debbie, a single mother, had to quit her partnership in a Tel Aviv real-estate firm.

"I couldn't function. I couldn't work," said Debbie, who moved here from England about 15 years ago. "As long as he was in the city I felt stifled. I felt I had lost my independence and joie de vivre. Now I feel a tremendous sense of freedom, since he is behind bars."

Melle, said Police Superintendent Eli Zohar, who is in charge of the investigation, is "partially cooperating with his investigators," although he insists he has money in Paris that is on its way. Police say they have sufficient evidence for an indictment.

If indicted, Melle will be charged with fraud based on statements given to police by five complainants. Police say they are investigating other possible victims.

All the alleged victims who were interviewed by *The Jerusalem Post* refused to allow their real names to be published.

IT TOOK Debbie several months to realize that Melle, who speaks seven languages (except Hebrew) fluently and who emigrated from France last year, had no intention of repaying the money he had borrowed from her.

"He repeatedly told me that his money in Paris had been held up but was on its way," Debbie said.

She said she paid his rent and bills on a $900-a-month apartment in Tel Aviv overlooking the sea, as well as shopping and a trip to England with her. Melle always had the same excuses: He'd forgotten his credit card or was waiting for his money to arrive, she said.

"When I met him ... I didn't find him attractive at all," Debbie said. "But he wooed me, took me out to dinner in the most expensive restaurants, and for the first few dates paid by credit card or checks. He told me he wasn't a rich man, but I wasn't looking for money – simply a good man, who may become a father for my son. And I was sure he fitted the bill."

During a remand hearing last week, police said Melle is also suspected of defrauding banks and credit-card companies out of tens of thousands of shekels.

Melle's lawyer, Ronen Ketsef, said in an interview yesterday that his client has worked for many years for Brazilian and French newspapers. Ketsef said Melle fell into debt but has not committed any criminal offenses. Melle admits to owing money to some banks and to friends, Ketsef said.

Debbie said she believed Melle was as credible as his designer-monogrammed socks and Yves Saint Laurent suits. He was a meticulous dresser: one alleged victim found 80 shirts belonging to Melle in an apartment she owned and later locked him out of.

"But he was a new immigrant and needed help," Debbie said. "I remember when I first came to the country, people helped me. I had no reason to doubt his word. I knew his son, who lives here, and two old friends of his."

When she realized that he had taken her for a ride, she initially said nothing, determined to find out as much as she could about him. Then she demanded checks to repay his debts. Melle obliged.

The checks bounced. She filed a complaint with the police in September over the bad checks and was told that if she also wanted to lodge a complaint with the fraud squad, she would have to find additional complainants. She said she was sure they existed.

According to a detective who spoke on condition of anonymity, Melle swindled a middle-aged French woman out of NIS 45,000. The woman, who filed a criminal complaint, declined a news interview.

"He befriended her, gained her trust and then told her he wanted to buy her apartment. But he needed a loan to buy the apartment, and she gave it him," the detective said. "She never saw the money again."

Police claim he also tried his luck with Ann Pollard, the ex-wife of Jonathan Pollard, the American imprisoned for spying for Israel. She now lives in Tel Aviv. "He sent her 100 red roses each week and promised to buy her a new car," Chief Inspector Meir Maimon said in court last week. Superintendent Zohar said in an interview that Melle wanted to open a joint bank account with Pollard, but "she was careful and refused."

Pollard would not comment, saying only, "I hope justice is done."

By a twist of fate, Debbie learned through a friend that Melle was renting another luxury apartment in Tel Aviv from a woman real-estate agent. The friend didn't know her name, but gave a description that enabled Debbie to track the woman down.

"I phoned Renee [not her real name] up at 9 a.m. and told her I had to meet her," Debbie said. " 'Henri is a crook,' I said. She thought I was crazy." Debbie told Renee her story, which initially the latter found hard to believe. Melle had already paid two months' rent – $2,000 – and had also succeeded in charming Renee.

"He didn't just make a good impression, but an excellent one," said Renee, a 60-year-old French native. "So much so that I didn't even ask for guarantors."

Melle took the expensively furnished apartment for three months. He didn't pay the third month's rent. Eventually he gave her a check, which bounced. He didn't pay any of the bills.

"He told me he was smitten with his new girlfriend, Ann Pollard, and couldn't concentrate on his work," Renee said. "I already knew I wasn't going to see the money. He kept on saying he was waiting for it to arrive from Paris."

Debbie said she repeatedly phoned Pollard to warn her about her new boyfriend. "She was rude and said she didn't meet strangers," said Debbie, who said she was determined to prevent others from being burned.

MELLE, POLICE said in court, didn't prey on women only. David, a former US stockbroker who has lived here for about eight years, complained to police that he was swindled out of $3,000.

Melle, David said, built up his trust and then borrowed the money.

"He made friends with me, at first inviting me to expensive dinners. We spoke three or four times a day. He told me I was his best friend, and I thought he was the second messiah," David said.

Melle told David he owned 33 percent of a Brazilian newspaper and an apartment in Paris, and he took him to functions at the French and Romanian embassies. Then, Melle asked to borrow NIS 9,000.

"He told me the money had already been wired from France but there was a problem with the bank and it would arrive in a day or so," said David, who demanded and got a check as security.

Melle also told David about "this crazy woman who had forged his checks."

The woman turned out to be Debbie, whom David knew. Melle socialized with many English-speaking Israelis, which is how he met some of his alleged victims.

THE POLICE came to Renee before she sought them. Renee had changed the locks on the apartment she rented, and confiscated Melle's belongings, mostly clothes and aftershave lotions. Melle broke in and changed the locks again.

"Then I got a call from a policeman, who was very polite and kind," Renee said. Melle had filed a complaint against her for changing the locks.

Renee told the policeman she would come to the station in an hour and a half.

" 'But you should know,' " she told him, " 'this guy is a big criminal. Don't let him get away.' "

She then called Debbie, who phoned the other alleged victims, and they "stormed down" to the Tel Aviv police department's fraud-squad headquarters. Police say they all filed formal complaints and gave full statements.

Melle was remanded for four days by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court a week ago. On Monday, he was ordered held for an additional 10 days after Chief Inspector Maimon said that police needed time to investigate banks, credit-card companies and other possible victims, including former Israel Broadcasting Authority head Tuvia Sa'ar.

Sa'ar claims that five years ago, Melle befriended him in Paris and asked him to pay $4,500 in hotel bills because he had forgotten his credit card. Sa'ar ran into Melle last year in Tel Aviv and told him he had begun civil proceedings against him. This week, Sa'ar also complained to police.

Police have applied to Interpol for information on Melle, Zohar said, and are still looking for three passports belonging to him. Photocopies of the passports – French, Romanian and Brazilian – were found among Melle's possessions.

Simple ways to avoid being conned

POLICE Superintendent Eli Zohar says confidence swindlers have a common behavior pattern and employ a similar modus operandi.

"They gain people's absolute trust before they strike," he said yesterday at the fraud squad's Tel Aviv headquarters.

Henri Huna Melle, Zohar said, is "very charming, intelligent, educated, and made a wonderful impression on everyone he met."

At first he would spend money on his targets, and then would begin to defraud his victims, Zohar claimed.

The alleged victims, he said, felt cheated financially and emotionally.

"In this case our investigation is concentrating on two aspects, frauds of banks and other institutions and private individuals," Zohar said. "Our duty is to help them both, and make every attempt to get their money back."

Melle's lawyer, Ronen Ketsef, said in an interview yesterday that his client is innocent of any crimes, but does acknowledge being in debt.

Zohar said he suspects Melle's whole strategy was planned well in advance.

"These people play on people's emotions, but are not emotionally involved themselves. They don't think twice about swindling people they get close to."

So how can a person avoid getting burned by someone who makes such a wonderful impression?

"People have to remember it can pay off to be suspicious these days," he said.

"Confidence men work on people they haven't known for a long time. So you should never give money to someone you have only known for a short time, because the relationship can only be superficial. You should never be tempted by even the most wonderful-sounding promises."

In his experience, professional swindlers may commit their first confidence tricks at the age of 18 or at 50.

"It is not necessarily true that a swindler must have a criminal background," Zohar said. "He can start at any age, depending on the circumstances."

Melle is being held in the Abu Kabir lockup. *R.M.*

'Davar' closure would shake up news business

Lower pay for journalists, more power for media moguls and other Histadrut closures may follow the death of the union daily, Michal Yudelman reports

DAVAR'S demise at the end of the year now appears inevitable and will be the first in a long line of closures. In addition to the Histadrut daily, most, if not all, of the federation's services and enterprises are doomed to follow suit if chairman Haim Ramon has his way.

Political circles say it will be "the mark of Cain" on his career.

Moreover, the Histadrut's handling of *Davar*'s last days will trigger a domino effect of collapsing labor relations throughout the country. Once the Histadrut abandons its workers and violates collective agreements, why should other employers not follow the same lead? That is the question asked by many in the Histadrut and the National Federation of Israel Journalists, which has joined *Davar*'s struggle for survival.

Ramon's conduct in initiating and carrying out the elimination of the 70-year-old daily can be studied as a case of bad faith and malice. He shirked responsibility for the Histadrut-owned newspaper, and actively denied the workers severance pay and accrued retirement rights. Ramon, who as a politician took full advantage of the media to ride to power in the Histadrut, has no qualms about gagging what one segment of society considers its mouthpiece.

From the moment Ramon took over the Histadrut and prepared to close *Davar*, he worsened the newspaper's desperate situation by canceling hundreds of subscriptions – of Histadrut workers who had received it as part of the wage agreement – and then accused it of losing even more money.

The Histadrut spokesman's office said that in the past eight years, *Davar* had accumulated some NIS 100 million of losses, and the Histadrut could not continue to subsidize it any longer. Ramon denied the accusations that he was deliberately trying to torpedo the negotiations and said he had even offered *Davar* a one-time closing grant of NIS 35m.

The journalists' federation is a partner to the action committee of *Davar*'s staff in negotiations with the Histadrut for the purchase of the daily. This week, it blasted Ramon for sabotaging the journalists' purchase efforts by withholding vital financial data and by spreading disinformation.

Federation chairwoman Sarah Friedman said Ramon "thus prevented the workers from formulating a firm purchase bid, while giving them the false impression that they had an option to buy *Davar*. To this day, nobody knows exactly how much money *Davar* owes or what its assets are."

It is unthinkable, she said, "that a Histadrut secretary-general elected to represent the workers would be the one to violate them. If Ramon is trying to evade his ownership, then the court will force him to assume it. We advise Ramon to go to sleep and wake up next morning as Histadrut secretary-general. He was elected to represent workers, rather than to trample on their rights."

Davar's action committee and the journalists' federation this week obtained a labor court injunction forbidding the Histadrut to make any move or effect any changes in *Davar*'s status which would violate any wage agreement or workers' rights. This is intended to ensure that even if the paper shuts down, Ramon will not be able to withhold some NIS 23m. in severance fund money, as he has already announced he'll do.

Ramon said he was not a member of *Davar*'s management, so he had nothing to do with the cancellation of the paper's collective agreement. However, the paper has been without a management for three years, because the Histadrut has failed to appoint one.

Ramon added that the management can't cancel the agreement in violation of labor laws.

Davar reporter Efraim Davidi is chairman of the journalists' works committee. He believes closure is not inevitable and that it would be unwise economically, costing the Histadrut much more than continuing or selling the paper.

If no other way can be found, he says, the Histadrut should at least keep the agreements with the workers. Davidi urged Ramon to stop "shifting the blame onto everyone else and assume responsibility for the Histadrut-owned newspaper. If he doesn't, the curse of closing down *Davar* and throwing workers onto the street will haunt him for the rest of his political life."

It is obvious, Davidi argues, that Ramon will reject any offer by the workers. He has already rejected every proposal they have made to operate *Davar* and take on all its financial commitments, despite the fact that no other purchasers have been in sight.

"We got the distinct impression from him that, even if we laid $100 million on his desk, he would turn us down. He is determined to close down Davar and 'please don't confuse me with the facts.' That's his attitude," he said.

Another question raised by developments is: Where is the Histadrut's trade-union section, which has always been so quick to back labor disputes and workers' grievances. Davidi says that more than two months ago, *Davar*'s journalists and other unions asked Trade Union Section chairman Amir Peretz to represent them in the negotiations with the Histadrut. "We're still waiting for his reply."

Journalists' federation director-general Arye Avneri accuses Ramon of acting maliciously and systematically against *Davar*, making it his primary target when he was elected Histadrut head, as though carrying out a personal vendetta against the paper. He noted that Ramon's statements asking the police to investigate allegedly criminal acts in *Davar*, and his publication earlier this week of a five-year-old Histadrut comptroller's report about *Davar*'s losses, were intended solely to deter potential purchasers.

Journalists' federation coordinator Mali Varoslavsky says the cancellation of agreements at *Davar* sets a dangerous precedent. "We have a case of employers signing agreements with workers, and then, when the time comes to implement them, they violate them. Equally dangerous is the precedent of an employer washing his hands of both his ownership and his responsibility for his employees," she notes, referring to Ramon's statements to this effect.

Varoslavsky, who is an attorney, stresses the association's concern over the concentration of the news media in the hands of three moguls: Nimrodi, Mozes and Schocken, who control not only major newspapers but airtime on Channel 2 and cable channels. That situation will be worsened with the closing of *Davar*, which legally belongs to the Histadrut's 1.6 million members.

The journalists' union fears that *Davar*'s closure will aggravate the trend set by *Hadashot*'s demise: flooding the market with journalists, weakening their bargaining power and undermining the conditions of those who are employed.

"Any newspaper which closes reduces our power in preserving journalists' rights," Friedman states.

"*Hadashot*'s closure, for example, had an immediate effect on the wage agreements we were in the midst of negotiating at the time with *Ma'ariv*, *Yediot* and *Ha'aretz*. At once, the employers refused to raise wages and said there was no reason to grant any privileges because the market was flooded by unemployed journalists who would work practically for nothing," Friedman recalls.

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Where Islam faces modernity without flinching

Indonesian academics say they hope to have planted the seed for a mutual learning tree during a first-of-its-kind visit here, Sue Fishkoff reports

INTERFAITH marriage is illegal in Indonesia, so like their counterparts here, increasing numbers of that country's marriage-bound citizens are heading abroad for civil marriages.

"We go to Singapore for that, while you go to Cyprus," quipped Abdurrahman Wahid in Tel Aviv this week.

Wahid is chairman of Nahadatul Ulama, the world's largest Moslem organization, with more than 30 million followers throughout Indonesia.

Islam is Indonesia's official religion. More than 85 percent of the nation's 183 million inhabitants are Moslem, making the exotic Southeast Asian island chain the world's largest Moslem concentration.

Wahid headed a five-man Indonesian academic delegation invited here by the Hebrew University's Truman Institute to participate in a two-day seminar last week on Judaism and Islam, focusing on Indonesia.

It was the first such visit by a delegation from Indonesia, which does not have formal relations with Israel. Wahid stressed that his delegation, which included the head of Indonesia's second-largest Moslem organization and chairmen of independent research institutions, did not represent the Indonesian government.

Although the invitation came from a private academic institution, the Foreign Ministry shepherded the group during its weeklong stay.

In addition to touring the country, visiting Kibbutz Ein Gedi and Druse and Arab villages, the delegation attended the signing of the peace treaty with Jordan, at the invitation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and met with Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and Chief of General Staff Ehud Barak.

INDONESIA, WHICH has been independent since 1945, has a per-capita income of $600, said Bonadan Gunawan, chairman of Jakarta's Center for Information and Data Studies.

"I have to compare that to your country, which has been independent since 1948 and has achieved a per-capita income of $14,000," he said. "It's fantastic. I can't imagine how you did it. We must learn from you."

Indonesia and Israel could benefit from each other's experience and resources, Wahid said. With a 15 percent minority population of Christians, Buddhists and other ethnic groups, speaking more than 300 languages, Indonesia has a great deal of experience in managing cultural diversity. Indonesia is also rich in many raw materials, particularly oil, iron, other minerals and forestry products.

Indonesians could take lessons from Israel in building a democratic state, Wahid said. Describing Indonesia's political system as authoritarian but not totalitarian, he said many educated Indonesians are concerned that the executive branch has too much power, and political opposition, although permitted, is not encouraged.

"Your experience is very instructive for mankind," he said.

"In this very small area you have squeezed more than five million people. Despite great political pressure from your neighbors, you have managed to develop this multiethnic society in a democratic way. It's a lesson we cannot ignore, if Indonesia wishes to become a mature nation."

Indonesia also needs Israeli medical and agricultural technology, Wahid said.

Most Indonesians live in villages, and rural development is a national priority.

The delegation met with rural-development experts at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Wahid and his colleagues would like to encourage academic and scientific exchanges between the two countries, and hope these will blossom from their developing relationships with the Truman Institute and Ben-Gurion University.

They are also interested in establishing a program whereby young Indonesians would volunteer on kibbutzim.

Wahid said that although Israelis are technically barred from entering Indonesia, if they show up at the border they receive visas on the spot and are quietly admitted.

RUMORS HAVE circulated for at least the past two years that Indonesia and Israel are on the verge of establishing diplomatic relations.

The process is somewhat complicated, Wahid said, by the fact that President Suharto is chairman of the Nonaligned Movement "and has to take into consideration the feelings of those who oppose" diplomatic relations with Israel.

Indonesians know very little about Judaism and Israel, but are eager to learn more, said Halim Mahfudz, chairman of the Surabaya Press Club and a former lecturer at the city's Islamic University.

During a three-week visit in May, when he was invited by the Truman Institute to moderate a seminar on Israel and the PLO, Mahfudz visited Government Press Office director Uri Dromi. He was astonished to discover that there are no Indonesians among the more than 400 foreign journalists stationed here.

"We have very little news from the Middle East," he said. "This makes our perspective very shallow. I'm afraid that our understanding is based more on religious sentiment than on honest comprehension."

Mahfudz said he is trying to establish exchange trips for journalists to encourage news coverage from both countries.

Dr. Maurice Roumani, senior lecturer in Middle East politics at Ben-Gurion University and Islamic adviser to the Foreign Ministry, accompanied the delegation.

He said the Indonesian government-sponsored school curriculum contains modules on comparative religion, but the section on Judaism is "quite diluted."

However, Roumani added, the Indonesian brand of Islam is "quite enlightened" and more flexible than that which exists in most Middle Eastern countries, which often causes friction.

Asked whether he planned to visit the Palestinian autonomous zones during his visit, Wahid answered with a quick "no."

Relations between Indonesian Moslems and those in the Middle East are often bitter, Roumani said. Islamic fundamentalist extremism has almost no foothold in the country and is supported by outside elements with very little indigenous following.

"They're trying to make Islam face the challenge of modernity," Roumani said. "They see great parallels between the development of Reform and Conservative Judaism in the 19th and 20th centuries and their own Islam, which is colored by local, even animistic cultures."

The US elections: Losses and gains for Israel

Predicted Republican gains could affect Israel and the peace process, Hillel Kuttler writes from Washington

FOR followers of the peace process, the question of the week is: What will Tuesday's US Senate and House of Representatives elections mean for Israel and America's Middle East policy?

Pundits here anticipate a huge Republican win in Tuesday's national elections. In the Senate, they might even achieve a net gain of the seven seats needed to seize control of the 100-member chamber for the first time in the 1990s.

Democrats already hold a 258-176 advantage in the House, so even the 20- to 35-seat gain that some are predicting will not be sufficient to catapult the Republicans to a double-dip victory.

"A lot of the people who are in trouble are people who are strongly pro-Israel. There's no question about that," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman.

Political observers believe that while many long-time Israel supporters are retiring or will be shown the door by disgruntled voters, House and Senate support for Israel will likely remain constant.

"One thing I think the Jewish community and the pro-Israel community should understand is that pro-Israel positions will not be fundamentally affected by a change in parties," said Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, which supports Republican candidates.

"I don't think there'll be any trades of a good Democrat for a bad Republican. I think we're only going to trade equally or better."

Steve Gutow, head of the National Jewish Democratic Council, agreed: "In the final analysis, Israel and the peace process are reasonably protected.... Most of the pro-Israel, pro-peace process ideas being put forth by this administration are not going to be controverted by Republicans or Democrats unless Syria is an issue."

Nevertheless, pro-Israel activists, as always, dread the departure of longtime friends on Capitol Hill.

On the Senate side, traditional supporters of Israel like Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), Dave Durenberger (R-Minnesota) and Dennis DeConcini (D-Arizona) are retiring, while Frank Lautenberg (D-New Jersey), Chuck Robb (D-Virginia) and first-termer Diane Feinstein (D-California) are locked in extremely tight races.

Other "friends" at risk, like Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts) are now pulling away from their challengers.

Democratic House members considered endangered include Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (Pennsylvania), Sam Gejdenson (Connecticut), Eric Fingerhut (Ohio), Jane Harman (California) and Sander Levin (Michigan). New York Republican David Levy already lost in September's primary and is a long-shot as a third-party candidate. All are Jewish.

BUT ONE house's loss may be another's gain.

Two key members of the foreign affairs committee, Jon Kyl, a Republican, and Dave McCurdy, a Democrat, are abandoning their House seats to run for the Senate seats vacated by the retirements of DeConcini and David Boren (D-Oklahoma), respectively. Kyl, a strong supporter of the US-Israeli Arrow missile research-and-development program, is likely to win his Senate race. Both McCurdy and fellow congressman James Inhofe are considered vast improvements over retiring Boren, whose seat they are vying for. That race is a toss-up.

And while Metzenbaum is retiring after 20 years, both challengers, Joel Hyatt (Metzenbaum's son-in-law) and former Republican congressman Mike DeWine, are solidly pro-Israel.

Additionally, some of those who consistently voted against foreign aid in the House are retiring, including Austin Murphy (D-Pennsylvania), Tim Valentine (D-North Carolina), Romano Mazzoli (D-Kentucky) and Al McCandless (R-California).

The most compelling possibilities center on shifts in committee chairmanships.

If the Republicans do seize the Senate, the deepest imprint on the peace process could be made by the foreign relations committee.

Should he pass on chairing the agriculture committee, North Carolina's Jesse Helms is likely to grab foreign relations.

Helms, while opposing foreign aid in principle, is a strong ideological supporter of Israel. And he has been an outspoken critic of the PLO and of Syria, and of Israel ceding land to either of them.

In contrast to Rhode Island Democrat Claiborne Pell, who is considered nearly invisible as the committee's chair, Helms "would be getting into everything," said Morris Amitay, a former AIPAC executive director and now treasurer of Washington PAC, a pro-Israel political action committee.

"It wouldn't be as easy for the State Department to work with him as with Pell," Amitay said of Helms. "As far as Israel is concerned, I think he'd be leery of any agreement with Syria, [of] giving up the Golan. It complicates things, particularly if Israel is looking for a financial package or maintaining their qualitative edge."

Switching Strom Thurmond (South Carolina) for current Armed Services committee chairman Sam Nunn (Georgia) would not hurt, "and may slightly improve," US-Israeli joint development programs, especially in such ballistic missile defense projects as the Arrow, according to Tom Moore, a former committee staffer.

ON THE funding side, a Republican win would install Mitch McConnell of Kentucky as head of the foreign operations subcommittee, a big improvement over Patrick Leahy (Vermont), Capitol Hill sources said. Ditto for Mark Hatfield (Oregon), a prize in relation to the Appropriations committee's head, West Virginia's Robert Byrd, who is "probably the most vocal opponent of programs to Israel," said Chuck Brooks, director of National PAC, which is this year disbursing more than $250,000 to pro-Israel candidates in both parties.

On the other hand, long-time Israel ally Daniel Inouye of Hawaii might have to cede chairmanship of the defense appropriations subcommittee to Alaska's Ted Stevens.

Regardless of whether the Republicans take over the Senate, New York's Alfonse D'Amato will rise to the visible position of chairman of the Republican Senatorial Committee, a nonlegislative group that assists Republican candidates.

"D'Amato has been one of the most outspoken opponents of [President Hafez] Assad and Syria's role in terrorism, and I think he will be demanding real evidence of a change in Syria's posture on issues of drug trafficking, terrorism, counterfeiting and harboring Nazi war criminals as conditions for improving bilateral relations," Brooks said.

Republican gains are also said to likely benefit Georgia's Newt Gingrich, and by extension Israel, even with Gingrich unlikely to ascend now to Speaker of the House.

Referring to Gingrich's longtime pro-Israel advocacy – he recently cosponsored a letter to President Clinton urging the US to support Israeli sovereignty over a united Jerusalem – a Capitol Hill source said: "When you look at Republican gains, these are people who can take an increasingly active role with their increase in power."

On the other hand, increased visibility for Gingrich and Kansas's Bob Dole, who would become Majority Leader with a Republican takeover of the Senate, could also stymie some of the administration's Middle East initiatives.

"You wouldn't have decisions being made on the merits of foreign policy if the Republicans, looking to get the White House in '96, decide foreign policy opposition resonates with the American public," said Amitay. "It would impact on Israel without necessarily meaning to oppose Israel.



Former president George Bush and first lady Barbara Bush after voting in Houston this week; their son, George H. Bush, is running for governor of Texas. (AP)

Crown Heights top Jewish concern in governor's race

New York's Jewish voters may be split on many issues, but one crucial matter is still on the minds of many, Marilyn Henry writes

"EVERYONE is a supporter of Israel if you are a New York politician." So says Dov Hikind, a Democratic New York state assemblyman. The evidence is at the polls.

Jews vote. Although exact figures are elusive, everyone agrees that Jews turn out on Election Day in disproportionately higher numbers than any other group in the state.

When it comes to politics, however, that is the only universal statement that can safely be made about the Jewish community.

Once perceived as Democratic stalwarts with a liberal point of view, New York Jews defy all attempts to categorize them.

Social, economic and religious fissures within the community of 1.6 million – 9.1 percent of the state's population, according to the *American Jewish Year Book* – translate into political splits.

As New York heads into the final stretch before Tuesday's election for governor, the candidates are vigorously courting Jews, who are believed to be able to tilt the outcome. This is because the Jewish vote accounts for 14 percent of the tally in New York City, where a sweeping victory can carry the election statewide.

Democrat Mario Cuomo is seeking a fourth term. Cuomo's rival is George Pataki, a Republican state senator from Peekskill, an hour's ride north of Manhattan along the Hudson River.

"In the election, this year the main issues for the Jewish community are no different than in the general community," said Hikind, who represents Brooklyn.

That means taxes and crime. New Yorkers want both to drop.

Otherwise, as candidates fish for Jewish votes, ethnic-religious issues are lost in murky waters. Or the candidates find themselves in the same boat.

Kiryas Joel is a case in point. The State Assembly passed legislation in 1989 that created a special school district to serve some 200 disabled children in the Satmar hassidic community of Kiryas Joel, about 80 km. north of Manhattan. The bill that created the district was sponsored by Pataki and signed by Cuomo.

Last June, the US Supreme Court found that the school district violated the constitutional separation of church and state by improperly showing favoritism toward a religious community. Four days later, state legislators and the governor reached an agreement that would allow the school district to stay in business, essentially bypassing the court.

Within the hassidic community, both Cuomo and Pataki share the praise. The irony is that the non-Orthodox community almost solidly opposed the Kiryas Joel school district.

Other Jewish issues are less obvious, but not the election-year rituals. Cuomo downs a dill pickle during campaign swings through the Lower East Side. Across the East River, in Brooklyn, Pataki sports a kippa that says "George." Judaica also enters the campaign through Jewish endorsements across party lines and through surrogates who inspire loyalty in some Jewish quarters.

In this gubernatorial campaign, it is Italian-Americans who are credited with swaying many Jewish votes. Last week, Cuomo's traditional, liberal base of support grew when he won the endorsement of the Republican mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani, who was elected last year with some 60 percent of the Jewish vote. Pataki is allied with US Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a volatile Republican whose high-pitched rhetoric has often come to the defense of Jews and Israel.

Many observers say Giuliani's popularity is linked, in part, to the sense of betrayal many Jews felt toward David Dinkins. When Dinkins was mayor, many thought he failed to protect the Lubavitch community of Crown Heights during the 1991 riots, which left hassid Yankel Rosenbaum dead. Giuliani and D'Amato were unrelenting in pushing for a federal investigation into the murder of Rosenbaum, who was surrounded and attacked by a mob of blacks shouting "Kill the Jew."

Pataki's most prominent Jewish booster is Hikind, who says of this election: "The one question that is critical to the Jewish community is Crown Heights."

He said, "The real question about Crown Heights is: What did you do during those three days?"

Some hassidim are not supporting Cuomo for the same reason they opposed Dinkins. They think the governor did not do enough to end three days of violence in Crown Heights after a black child was struck and killed by a car driven by a Lubavitcher hassid.

Jeff Weisenfeld, a onetime D'Amato assistant now working on the Pataki campaign, said Crown Heights is a legitimate issue in this campaign. "For those who say we are opening an old wound, there's been no justice yet for Yankel Rosenbaum."

In this political season, none can come out and say that Crown Heights is unimportant. With criminal and civil lawsuits pending, and with politicians reminding people of the "pogrom," the scars remain too fresh.

To deflect the issue, some within the Lubavitch community say simply that the rioting in Crown Heights is "not a dominant concern," and then point to assistance that Cuomo has provided in education and social services.

To this, Hikind counters: "There's nothing that Mario Cuomo has done for the Jewish community that stands out as something he had to fight for."

Weisenfeld, of the Pataki campaign, echoes Hikind. "The Jewish-oriented laws that Cuomo signed – the get law, the Kiryas Joel bill, kashrut legislation – these were not controversial, but were passed almost unanimously. This is not something that he went out of his way to do."

One thing that candidates do go out of their way for is Jerusalem, thousands of miles from the jurisdictions they covet.

Pataki is the latest in a long line of New York politicians – including Mario Cuomo – to say that Jerusalem must be the eternal, undivided capital of Israel. The Republican, however, noted in an interview with the *Jewish Week* newspaper that his view "is not just from campaigning in the Orthodox communities," which constitute 17 percent of the Jewish vote.

Jerusalem is soothing to New York Jews. And with some 800,000 registered Jewish voters, it is de rigueur for elected officials.

"I want to know where any political figure stands on Israel. Is he a friend of the Jewish people, of Israel? Where does he stand on Jerusalem?" said Hikind.

Scare campaign by Jewish candidate prompts backlash

THE campaign to become New York state's fiscal watchdog is shaping up into a nasty question of whether Jews will elect a black candidate.

At stake is a job that includes investing more than $60 billion in state pension funds. Despite that whopping figure, few would suggest that the post of New York state comptroller is exciting.

Yet the race for comptroller has become electrified. In the last two weeks, it has degenerated into race baiting and charges of antisemitism, with New York Jewish leaders trying to inject some civility into the campaign.

The Democratic incumbent, H. Carl McCall, is black. He was appointed to his position last year by the New York State Assembly and is campaigning to become the first black elected to a statewide office in New York.

Although Jews comprise less than 9 percent of the state electorate, the campaign cannot shake itself free of "Jewish" issues. That seems to be the design of McCall's rival in the November 8 election, Herb London, a Jewish Republican candidate whose campaign is replete with Jewish themes and stinging appeals to Jewish fears.

Written in white letters on a black background, "Kill the Jews?" opens one of London's TV ads. The ad refers to what London says are McCall's misrepresentations of London's views on self-defense and gun control following the 1991 Crown Heights riots, which left a Jewish man dead.

A London ad in a Jewish newspaper, *The Jewish Press* of Brooklyn, bills itself as a "Special Kashrus Alert," attacking the "hechsherim" given to McCall by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, former New York mayor David Dinkins and President Bill Clinton.

"Don't be fooled by the recent hechsherim of Jewish media, rabbis and politicians who are trying to make McCall glatt kosher," the London ad says.

The ad, which appeared on October 28, riled the president. The quote "attributed to me was fabricated. Misleading ads like this one divide us rather than bring us together, and they contribute to the cynicism and distrust" of voters, Clinton wrote in a letter to the paper's publisher. Clinton said he supports McCall, as did *The Jewish Press* in an editorial.

"Herb is Jewish. He wants the votes of his fellow Jews," London's campaign manager was quoted as saying in the *Buffalo News*. London, who teaches at New York University, has not received major Jewish backing.

London has not, in his TV or newspaper ads, explicitly said McCall is antisemitic. Nonetheless, the implications are clear and provide fodder for editorial writers. London has been using "trayf tactics," said the *New York Daily News*. "Given the fragile state of black-Jewish relations, candidates have a special duty to avoid appeals to prejudice," editorialized *The New York Times*.

To distance themselves from what has been called London's "hate campaign," more than 100 city and state officials on Monday jammed the steps of City Hall in Manhattan. Blacks, whites, Hispanics and Jews turned out as much to support McCall as to denounce the racial thrust of the London campaign.

At the news conference, Sheldon Silver, an Orthodox Jew from the Lower East Side who is speaker of the State Assembly, said, "We renounce scare tactics and the vicious implication of antisemitism and race baiting" – a view echoed by virtually all the speakers. *M.H.*


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Where's the heir?

CAPITAL TALK

TEDDY KOLLEK with Amos Kollek

IT is by now no big secret that Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres, those two long-time rivals, are in fact a terrific team.

Thrown together against their will and better judgment, they nevertheless complement each other and enable each other to excel and grow. The result is that the sum total is even greater than the two remarkable components, and we have a peace process that advances with courage, vision, thoroughness, dedication and never-easing momentum.

It is a happy occasion for the State of Israel and for the Labor Party. Great progress is taking place every day, and history is being made. Despite the opposition and the very saddening random terrorist acts, the outlook is optimistic.

I worry, however, that those two strong, inspired and intelligent statesmen have so far neglected one task whose importance cannot be overstated: grooming heirs.

They need to find and cultivate talented people who will be able to follow in their footsteps and continue their mission, so when the day comes for Rabin and Peres to step down – and I certainly hope that day is still many years away – there will be someone there to take over, aside from the princes of the Likud.

David Ben-Gurion, who was a true visionary in every way, and certainly a strong leader who kept a lot of power in his own hands, also had the foresight to look for a young new leadership in his own party. He hand-picked and advanced several "Young Turks," particularly Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres, even when it angered the more mediocre party leaders who were of his own generation or a few years younger.

Perhaps Rabin and Peres, after having endured so many years of bitter struggle against each other, now find it hard to make room for anyone else, even as a future thought. Or perhaps they just don't have the time. After all, they have other priorities.

But this problem will come back with a vengeance. Leaders do not develop overnight; like anything else of quality, they need time and a lot of nourishment. I say this as a person who himself committed that very mistake.

Many people tell me that I was a remarkable mayor; that's not for me to judge. But I was certainly mayor for a long time and oversaw a lot of development in Jerusalem. Yet when the 1993 election drew near, there was nobody around me who seemed able to continue and protect the things we had fought so hard to accomplish in Jerusalem, most importantly tolerance, stability and peaceful coexistence; so, rightly or wrongly, I ran again.

Many mistakes were made during the campaign, a lot of them my own. The result is known: The Likud won. And who knows where Jerusalem will go from here? I for one am very concerned. And what is true of the city is doubly true of the state.

In almost every way, I have a much better opinion of the Labor Party than of the Likud. I prefer Labor's politics and also the manner in which they are carried out – fewer slogans, more deeds. But the Likud has for years put more emphasis on its young leadership, the next generation.

Netanyahu, Benny Begin, Meridor, Olmert, Milo, Katsav, are all people with some public stature and appeal to the voters.

I think they are dangerous to Israel's future and most vital interests, certainly to the peace process. I wouldn't want to see any of them as prime minister. I fear that they would set Israel on a regressive and possibly destructive course. But when I look at their peers in the Labor Party, I do not see a better or even a comparable crop.

Some are well known, but they don't seem to be what they call in the US "presidential timber." Unfortunately, you cannot win an election – especially nowadays, with everything being carried by the media – without people who can lead. The Labor Party should address this matter before it is too late.

Collaborators in their own destruction

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

AS interviewees in anti-Israel television "documentaries" have learned from bitter experience, one need not be hopelessly gullible to collaborate in one's own destruction.

Most such participants agree to be interviewed not because they are eager to be on camera, but because they are eager to serve their cause by presenting their case to a large audience. If they get trapped into helping their enemies, it is because they fail to fathom the agenda of television program-planners; nor are they always able to see through the often-unscrupulous blandishments of the show's producers, hosts and interviewers.

A case in point is a recent Canadian program, presented by *The Fifth Estate*, the Canadian equivalent of the American *60 Minutes*.

Called *The Settlers*, the program is purportedly about North Americans, particularly Canadians, living on the other side of the Green Line. At least that is the way it was touted to Samaria resident Vicky Berglass, who was asked to be featured in the program.

Wary of the traditional media bias against the "settlers," Berglass – an experienced spokeswoman who lives in Neveh Aliza – specifically and carefully asked who else would be on. She was particularly anxious not to appear with extremists.

The producers assured her that the participants would be such leaders of the settlement movement as Yehiel Leiter and Rabbi Nahum Rabinowitz, and that opposing views would be presented by Rabbi David Hartman.

Berglass says she felt the attitude of the program's personnel was positive and warm throughout. Interviewer Halla Gartner, the program's host, followed her around for a week, asked intelligent questions, dined with her family of eight children, and seemed sympathetic. (This kind of friendliness and warmth has been reported by almost all interviewees in Judea and Samaria.) But when Berglass saw the finished product, aired in Canada on October 11, she found it difficult to recognize her own words.

By splicing and editing, television gives the expression "taken out of context" a new meaning. It can make a perfectly bland, innocuous sentence sound like a hard-line retort by simply placing it not where it was uttered, but as a reply to a provocative question.

Example: Gartner asks, "In order to save lives, perhaps you have to give up some of this land?" Berglass answers, "I will not make compromises on something that will bring about the destruction of my country and my people." Even an untrained viewer can discern the splice between the question and the answer. The latter was glued onto the former.

Berglass's original answer to the question was reasoned and complicated. But Gartner used this sentence, which was not intended as a reply, because it began with "I will not make compromises." It was a perfect way to show the settlers as unyieldingly rigid. (To prevent this kind of abuse, large corporations in the US videotape all television interviews in which their executives are involved. Since the networks are not obligated by law to divulge their unedited tapes, this is the only way the interviewees can protect themselves against distortion by splicing.)

Omission, too, can help create a false impression. Throughout her conversations with Gartner, Berglass said, "I don't want to stop the peace process. I just don't rely on the terrorists." But these sentences, which would belie the show's main thesis, were eliminated from the program.

The program's tone was set at the very start, with an introduction whose thrust is unmistakable. "You'd think the last thing anyone can object to is peace... But one of the most frustrated and angry protests comes from a group which feels peace amounts to a sellout. They are the settlers."

The theme is repeated throughout the program: "These settlers are determined to stop the peace process," says Gartner. "The settlers' determination is to fight their government's plan to make peace with Arafat," she repeats. Interestingly, for all the hours she spent with these ferocious warmongers, Gartner never manages to get them to talk against peace themselves.

Except, that is, the Kach people. The list of participants she gave Berglass notwithstanding, Gartner devotes a full five minutes, a whole quarter of the program, to fringe elements. We see a bearded American-born Kach supporter in Tapuah who talks of an Israel contaminated by Hellenism and of the possible need to fight Jews; and we are treated yet again to a picture of Baruch Goldstein wearing a yellow star, followed by the camera dwelling on the corpses of Arabs killed in the Cave of the Patriarchs.

And to bring the threat of these settler-killers closer to home, Gartner goes to the Catskills in upstate New York, to a clandestine training camp run by "international Kach organizer" Mike Gozovsky. There you can see "nice Jewish boys," as she puts it, training with firearms.

It is at this point that the purpose of the program becomes clear. The show is not about the settlers, nor even about settlers as opponents of the peace process. It is about the raising of tax-deductible funds by the residents of the territories. Its goal is to stop American contributions from going to areas beyond the Green Line.

To do this, the producers had to portray the residents of Judea-Samaria, all of them, as noxious fanatics. But even taken out of context, Berglass, Leiter and Rabinowitz were too soft-spoken and reasonable.

So the Kachniks had to be recruited. And to make sure the general viewers will confuse all these settlers with one another, the interviews with the Kach extremists are placed in the middle of the program, with a return to Berglass in the end. To make the message unmistakable, scenes of the moderate Leiter making a fundraising speech before a Canadian congregation, and a Gozovsky speech at another synagogue, are made to seem practically identical.

They raise millions, says Gartner. It's money settlers are using to thwart peace, she says. "Canadian money is going to fight the peace plan," she stresses. "Supporting the settlements includes demonstrations in Jerusalem," she intones, showing a picture of Leiter himself being dragged by police. "These Israeli Jews are asking North American Jews not to support their government but to fight it."

And the program makes sure that the word "fight" will not seem to imply an innocent political struggle. After seeing the guns in the hands of the Kach militants and hearing the Tapuah man talk of fighting Jews with guns, the implication is that the tax-deductible money is used for settler-terrorism against Jews and Arabs alike.

Gartner cites Canadian law, which – like similar laws in the US – prohibits tax-deductible money from being used for political purposes. Moreover, she says, the Canadian government policy calls for the removal of the settlements. The money goes for something the government opposes.

The premise is of course false. As the US tax authorities have clarified, if the money goes to educational, medical or other legitimate charitable purposes, it does not matter where it is spent. True, money is fungible, and funds that go to schools can free money for other uses. But that is true about every charity.

It is impossible to know if this attack on the legitimacy of fundraising for Judea and Samaria was inspired by the Canadian government, by establishment Jewish organizations which resent the siphoning of Jewish funds for the "settlements," or by the Israeli government. But this is the transparent agenda of this "documentary." Nor has it been unsuccessful. Soon after the program was shown, Berglass was visited by a representative of the Canada-Israel Commission, an umbrella of Jewish charities, who grilled her about the uses of Canadian contributions.

Had Berglass and her friends been told about the purpose of the program, it is doubtful they would have agreed to be interviewed. But had TV producers been honest with potential interviewees, they would have had very few programs.

The 'November criminals'

VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

Please to remember the Fifth of November,
Gunpowder Treason and Plot.
We know no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.
Anonymous, 17th century

THIS IS the month of the "November criminals."

This epithet has nothing to do with Guy Fawkes of the failed "gunpowder, treason and plot" to blow up Parliament in London 389 years ago tonight.

It is the label the German Nazis pinned on the post-World War I Weimar Republic, its leaders and Germany's Jews. The Nazis, and eventually most Germans, blamed those three for the "stab in the back" that, they alleged, brought about the country's defeat in the war.

At the end of September 1918, with the war obviously lost, the German high command proclaimed a constitutional monarchy headed by Prince Max of Baden. But the German people were impatient, and on November 3 the sailors in Kiel mutinied. The revolt spread to Berlin.

The following week the Social Democrats, led by Friedrich Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, and the high command joined in establishing the German republic. The workers' and soldiers' councils in Berlin, set up like the Russian soviets, gave their blessing to the Ebert regime.

Ebert became chairman of the Council of People's Commissars. The council was dominated by members of the Majority Socialist Party, which opposed revolution.

On November 11, 1918, the armistice agreement was signed.

In the Weimar Republic that followed, Jews figured prominently in the democratic and socialist parties. Of the six "people's commissars" comprising the first post-revolutionary government, two were Jews. The government of Bavaria was headed by a Jew, Kurt Eisner, and Jews were a majority in the soviet-type government set up after his assassination. The Weimar Constitution was drafted by a Jew, Hugo Preuss, and another Jew, Walter Rathenau, was Weimar's minister of reconstruction and then foreign minister.

There you have what the Nazis called the *Novemberverbrecher*/November Criminals.

Twenty years later, on the night of November 9-10, 1938, Germany, now under democratically elected Nazi governance, created a new label, *Novemberjuden*/November Jews. These were the 30,000 Jews arrested and sent to the Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps, where some of them died shortly afterwards. They were in addition to the approximately 90 Jews murdered during that pogrom in Germany, Austria and Sudetenland.

(Sources: *History of the Holocaust* by Abraham J. Edelheit and Hershel Edelheit, Westview Press, 1994; *Encyclopaedia Britannica; Encyclopaedia Judaica.)*

ERNEST BRAUN of Tel Aviv and New York, an internationally renowned pharmaceutical-research consultant, has a unique suggestion for perpetuating the memory of the Six Million murdered by Hitler's Germans and their collaborators.

Braun is a survivor of the Holocaust in which his parents, sister and other close kin perished.

He proposes that what he calls Hills of Remembrance be built in Jerusalem's environs. These would consist of mounds of stones of identical size, each engraved with the name of one martyr and the date of death. The costs involved would be covered by those wishing thus to memorialize dear ones.

The Knesset, which would promulgate a "Hills of Remembrance Law," would decide what date to assign martyrs whose day of death is not known. In such instances today, some observe the death-anniversary rites on Nisan 27, the official Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day; some observe it on Tevet 10, which the Chief Rabbinate 46 years ago proclaimed as the General Kaddish Day; and some do so on the historic national day of mourning, Tisha Be'av.

The project would be managed by Yad Vashem, which would also computerize the names and relevant data. One month before the death anniversary Yad Vashem would inform the sponsors of the memorial stones and their successors of the coming anniversary, and encourage them to come to Jerusalem to observe the occasion at the site.

Braun speaks of the idea as the forging of "a chain that will link millions abroad to a little piece of Holy Earth in Jerusalem." He foresees an endless procession of "Pilgrimages of Resurrection" to Jerusalem by the descendants of those sponsoring the stones.

Braun's pharmacological achievements include Surgex cream, which has reduced the rate of post-operative infections from an average of 20 percent to 0.6 percent, and another cream that is revolutionizing the treatment of psoriasis.

RABBI JOSEPH Telushkin, popular American author of Judaica works and "Jewish" detective novels, writes in his just-published *Jewish Wisdom* (William Morrow & Co.):

"When the Nazis came to power in Germany, there were two sorts of Jews living there, the optimists and the pessimists. The pessimists went into exile, the optimists went to the gas chambers."

THE DEBATE continues over the text of the Prayer for the Welfare of the State recited in many synagogues on Shabbat and other holy days. At issue is the passage invoking God's "light and truth upon [Israel's] leaders, ministers and counselors," and entreating God to "imbue them with wise counsel."

Some opponents of our government's policies have stopped saying the prayer. Most notable among these was the late Rabbi Shlomo Goren, former Ashkenazi chief rabbi.

Some have amended that passage so that it now asks God to "save [Israel] from its leaders, ministers and counselors." Leading this movement is Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neria, initiator of the Bnei Akiva yeshiva network and a member of the National Religious Party's Council of Rabbis.

The *gabbai* in the synagogue I attend recites the original text, but after "imbue them with wise counsel" adds the words: "...and if they refuse Your light and truth, replace them by people who will accept...."

Another prayer invokes God's protection for the soldiers "standing guard over our land and the cities of our God from the Lebanese border to the Egyptian desert...."

A reader has written noting that our security forces are also inside Lebanon. Hence, the above formulation implies that "our land and the cities of our God" also covers them, which would be a bit of reprehensible "theological imperialism." So he suggests amending this prayer to explicitly refer to their presence inside Lebanon as a separate entity.

The *gabbai* in my synagogue has been doing so for some time.

In view of the fact that we have "soldiers" throughout the world guarding Israeli facilities and personnel against terrorists, and even hunting down terrorists, perhaps the prayer should be amended to cover the world.

Be that as it may, we could all use some "wise counsel" and Divine enlightenment.

SRULIK by DOSH



The taste of Jacob's deception lingers on

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

THE Bible maintains that, although there may be no guarantee that good people will lead long, rewarding and healthy lives, virtuous acts do produce good results and evil deeds do bear bitter fruit – with the aftertaste felt even in subsequent generations.

In this week's portion, *Toldot*, we read of Jacob's deception of his blind father Isaac – albeit at the behest of his mother – in which he pretends to be his older twin Esau, in order to gain his father's blessing.

This act of duplicity haunts him throughout his life. And indeed it haunts all of subsequent Jewish history, because, from a certain perspective, it gave rise to the abnormal situation in which Judaism defines itself as religious ritual, confined to the synagogue-study hall, rather than as an all-embracing *Weltanschauung*, desirous of transforming the world.

Early in the portion we read of Esau's marriage to two Hittite women, in violation of the patriarchal law forbidding marriage between a descendant of Abraham and daughters of the indigenous nations of Canaan.

Even though the text is explicit about the consequent "bitterness of spirit" on the part of the parents, we find that in the very next verse Isaac calls Esau, commanding him to prepare a meal of venison in preparation for his receipt of the blessings. Why would Isaac reward Esau's unconscionable behavior?

The Malbim (1809-1878) suggests that Isaac made a split between the *bechora* (first-born spiritual blessing, leadership of the nation) and the *bracha* (the physical blessing, the double portion, material wealth). Isaac understood that the spiritual leadership had to go to Jacob. He wanted to bestow upon Esau the gift of material prosperity, the physical domain in which he had already displayed natural talent.

Rebecca's views on blessings and birthrights are different; she feels the two blessings must not be divided. Spiritual leadership requires physical sustenance: "there can be no Torah if there is no food." If spirituality is going to influence the world, it must wield political power; it must be rooted in the material.

Rebecca wants her studious, religious son to get both blessing and birthright. In her vision of a united Israel, a split between Esau and Jacob, with the one receiving physical-political prowess and the other spiritual-intellectual preeminence, would spell disaster for the history of our people and prevent the Divine message from transforming the world.

BUT REBECCA not only disagrees with her husband in theory: she prevails upon Jacob to deceive his father. She devises a plan in which Jacob covers his face and hands with the skin of a goat, offers the venison dish to his father, and presents himself as Esau.

Jacob acquiesces, but not easily. Asked to identify himself when he enters his blind father's tent, Jacob says (Gen. 27:19): "I am Esau thy first-born," which Rashi suggests could be read, "I am, Esau is thy first-born." Although this seems to be an apologetic interpretation, several verses later, when Isaac again asks him if he indeed is Esau – since his voice sounds more like Jacob's – Jacob's answer (27:24) is the single Hebrew word "*ani*," which means "I am." Apparently it is difficult for this sensitive youth to pretend to be what he is not.

In the end, Jacob is given the blessing by his father, but he is forced to pay a heavy price. He must flee from his parents' home to escape Esau's wrath. Forced into a life of exile, he is thrown into intimate contact with the treacherous Laban, who desires to use, assimilate and ultimately destroy Jacob.

In addition to all of the problems faced by someone on the run, Jacob must also face himself. His deception was orchestrated by his mother, perhaps even ordained by God, but his feeling of guilt never leaves him. And 20 years later, as he returns to his birthplace, Jacob realizes that there is still unfinished business between Esau and himself.

He both dreads and anxiously anticipates his long-overdue meeting with his brother Esau. Conscience-stricken, he acts in a totally subservient way, beseeching his brother, "take my blessing," as he gives him a large portion of his material acquisitions. After all these years, Jacob wishes to make amends by returning the very blessing he received from his father.

But Jacob even goes one step further: When presenting his final will and testament to his children, he acts in accord with his father's original intention, rejecting his mother's vision of unity. He grants the spiritual blessings of the nation's leadership to Judah, and the physical blessings and material prosperity to the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Menashe.

But in principle, Rebecca was right. This split of the blessing and birthright between Judah and Ephraim plants the seeds of division in the Jewish people. Judah concentrated on religion and the Holy Temple; Ephraim reveled in luxury and lawlessness. A civil war ensued, and the nation was split into two kingdoms.

Eventually the tribes of Judah and Benjamin remain on the land, while the 10 other tribes – with wealthy and powerful Ephraim in the lead – are sent into exile and dispersed. Judah, too, is later exiled, but these spiritual Jews are more able to hold onto their unique identity, despite the trials they suffer among alien nations.

Perhaps we are just now beginning to emerge from the tear in our psyche brought about by Jacob's deception and desire to make amends. The prophet Ezekiel has a vision of two sticks, the one symbolizing Judah and the other symbolizing Ephraim, eventually coming together as one. [Ezek. 37:15-28.]

The modern State of Israel, the emergence of Jewish military and Israeli technology alongside great Torah centers and academies, would seem to express the beginnings of the reunion between *bracha* and *bechora*, the material and the spiritual.

Unfortunately, the one often does not realize how much it requires the other, does not recognize its need for completion by means of merging with the other. Such is the price we still pay for Jacob's deception.

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Manufacturer fights importers for local lungs

Dubek has appealed to the Knesset Finance Committee to raise taxes on imported cigarettes, **Galit Lipkis Beck** reports

THE government has declared war on the tobacco industry by banning smoking in the country's 60,000 workplaces, but the tobacco sector remains anything but united. The traditional competitors, Dubek and the cigarette importers, are at each other's throats more than ever before.

The Knesset Finance Committee will rule shortly on Dubek's appeal to raise taxes on imported cigarettes. In the intense battle for market share, Dubek is lobbying to change the excise system on imported cigarettes. According to Dubek, the retail price of a packet of Marlboros, say, would rise from NIS 6.70 to NIS 11.70 after the proposed tax change.

During the last few months the importers, headed by Oded Eliachar, managing director of the Menashe Eliachar Company (the country's biggest importer), have appealed to the Knesset panel's chairman, Gedalya Gal, not to submit to Dubek's demand.

Eliachar charges that the government has always done whatever it can to facilitate Dubek's operations, and points to the 15% tax increase on imported cigarettes the Knesset Finance Committee approved about a year ago.

Dubek, a monopoly, is subject to price controls from the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Dubek says that the government has discriminated against it in an attempt to increase imported cigarettes' share of the market, and that excise taxes on its products are higher than on imported brands.

According to the State Revenues Commissioner, the local products' share of the cigarette market was 64% in the first six months of 1994, while imports accounted for the remaining 36%. Dubek had 95% of the local market in 1987.

The importers claim that the real market division is 73.1% local production, including Dubek's imports, and that other imports have the rest.

The importers contend that the office of the State Revenues Commissioner should include sales to the territories in the calculation of local production (4.9% of total cigarette sales). The importers also want local production to include Dubek's imports from abroad (1.5% of total sales, they say) and cheap cigarettes from Japan, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Brazil, which amount to 2.7% of total sales. The low-cost cigarettes are taxed at the same rate as local products.

Ruth Hirsch, Dubek's managing director, says: "We have had to lay off more than 200 workers since 1987 [when the government changed its tax policy on imports] because of the decline in our market share. This is the only sector in the country and the world where tax is intended to give foreign products an advantage over local industry."

In a lawsuit against Dubek, Yoram Turbovitz, Ministry of Industry and Trade monopolies commissioner, claims the government never promised Dubek three-quarters of the cigarette market.

"Make no mistake. Nobody ever promised Dubek 75% of the market. The trend is for the company not to go over 75%," he said. Turbovitz is suing Dubek over its plans to control cigarette distribution by limiting the number of distributors to whom the company will sell.



Dubek would have the nation inhale mainly locally manufactured smoke. (Sarit Uziely)

Hirsch retorts: "We are a private company which has operated for almost 60 years without receiving government help. All I am asking is for the government not to discriminate. We are asking for free market competition, as in all Western countries."

Ironically, the company which bases most of its argument on the philosophy that local industry must be encouraged, started to import American RJ Reynolds cigarettes last year.

Eliachar ascribes the fall in Dubek's workforce to automation. But Hirsch says the firm does everything it can to protect workers and has not installed machinery at the expense of workers.

The importers claim that raising taxes will reduce consumption and therefore government tax revenues, and will also encourage smuggling. Eliachar says: "Israel is in the process of opening its borders with neighboring countries, many of which have major problems with the smuggling of cigarettes."

"Dubek's market share would rise to take nearly 95%," says Eliachar. "Tax revenues would stagnate since the reduction in import volume would be compensated for by the higher taxes on the small volume of imported cigarettes still sold after the tax increase."

Baseless arguments, responds Dubek. The importers' market share, Hirsch says, did not fall in reaction to last year's rise in taxes on imported brands. "Making the tax burden equal will reduce the market share of importers, but not to the 5% they had in 1988. Dubek's marketing division believes importers' share will fall to 15%."

Eliachar also claims retailers and wholesalers will suffer if taxes on imports increase, since retailers earn a higher margin on imported brands.

New pool clubs are right on cue for trendy folks

Once considered a game for hustlers, pool is now the world's fastest-growing sport, **John Gilardi** writes from Houston

THE image of the smoke-filled pool hall filled with hustlers seeking an easy mark is giving way to the swanky upscale "billiard center" that is fast becoming the fashionable club of the '90s in the US.

"Pool halls were previously synonymous with a bunch of bums sitting around all day," said Daniel Gauci, a past president of the Billiard Congress of America.

"We are crushing the old image of sleazy pool halls and creating a new one," he said.

The new clubs are combining pool tables with restaurants and discos to provide a sporting alternative to bars and dance clubs.

Indeed, the 500-year-old sport that has seen a revival, not in the least helped by the 1980s hit movie, *The Color of Money*, which focused on the high-stakes betting side, is no longer a frowned-upon activity.

In fact, it is now the world's fastest growing sport.

One new club that is part of the revolution sweeping the country is The Ball Room, a 929-square-meter complex in Houston's center-city nightlife district.

Similar clubs have opened throughout the country in cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York amid industry projections that two to three upscale billiard parlors are opening every week in major cities.

A typical club could cost millions of dollars to get started, including interiors and equipment.

The Ball Room combines a pool hall with bar and restaurant that attracts well-heeled people willing to pay $10 for an hour of pool and $30 for a bottle of wine.

Inside the building, which underwent about $700,000 in renovations, are reproductions of Renaissance masterpieces and a fireplace in one corner.

The interior, painted in jewel colors, has plush furniture. The pool tables are surrounded by lamps covered in crushed velvet.

"We're using pool as a means of social interaction," said Ken Wales, co-owner of The Ball Room.

"This is a very non-threatening environment, but it's a place where boys still want to meet girls, and girls want to meet boys.

"Pool is not a fad, it's always been around, but it's definitely undergoing a revival," Wales said.

Hotshots can even compete with each other at a $2 per game challenge table, but people don't line up quarters on the table as is practice in traditional pool halls.

Here, a hostess keeps track of contenders on a gold-framed chalkboard, racks the balls and even referees any disputes.

For those looking for a quiet atmosphere, people can shoot pool in the Green Room, closed by emerald velvet theatrical curtains, on two ornately carved $30,000 Renaissance Royal George tables, complete with tassels and leather pockets.

And for those looking to meet someone special, the new clubs are providing an environment where women and men can compete at a sport on a relatively even basis.

"To just hit the balls around and have some fun doesn't require a lot of skill, dexterity or practice," said Dina Langone, who visited the bar recently with a group of friends.

"And it's easy to meet people without pressure," she said.

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Warburg sees more gloom ahead in bond markets

An economist predicts that the forecast ranges could conceivably go through the floor. **Martin Essex** reports from London

GLOBAL interest rates have further to rise and world bond markets have further to fall, according to the economics team at S.G. Warburg Securities in London.

The economists were talking at their annual presentation to clients, and were particularly negative on the outlook for US markets and the dollar as the world emerges from recession.

"We think [US] interest rates have considerably further to rise," said economist George Magnus, who predicts the federal funds rate will rise to 6.5 percent by the middle of next year.

The current target level for the rate is 4.75 percent.

In response, US bond yields would rise. "For the bond market we think, on economics alone, that long yields have another 50 basis points to rise," said Magnus.

The 7.5 percent 30-year Treasury bond was yielding 8.01 percent at 1400 GMT.

Yet the dollar could still fall. "The dollar has further downside," said Warburg economist Kit Juckes, whose forecasts for the US currency are 1.40-1.45 marks, 93-98 yen and $1.60-1.65 to the pound.

The dollar was trading at 1.499 marks, 96.78 yen and at $1.6365 to the pound at 1540 GMT.

Moreover, Juckes thinks those forecasts could prove too optimistic.

"The lower ends [of the forecast ranges] are likely to be seen and could conceivably be broken," Juckes said.

The Warburg team also expects higher interest rates in other major economies.

"In Japan, interest rates will drift up over the course of 1995," said Magnus, predicting rises in the official discount rate to 3 percent in the next year and 3.5 percent by the end of 1996.

The rate now stands at 1.75 percent.

However, he thinks that should leave Japanese government bonds unscathed, predicting that yields will range from 4.5 to 5.5 percent despite some upward pressure from new issuance.

The benchmark 10-year 164th Japanese government bond was yielding 4.675 percent at 1445 GMT.

In Germany, Magnus predicts the Bundesbank will start tightening monetary policy in the first quarter of next year. "We think the Bundesbank has already overeased and the next move in official rates will be up," he said.

As a result, Magnus predicts market rates will trackthe Lombard rate, now 6 percent, and not the discount rate, now 4.5 percent.

His forecast is for a rise in three-month German rates from 5 percent now to 6.5 or 6.75 percent by the end of 1995.

As for Bunds, Magnus sees yields in a 7-8 percent range. The benchmark 7.5 percent 10-year Treuhand issue was yielding 7.63 percent at 1445 GMT.

"But we haven't necessarily seen the worst yet. And the yields could even spike above this sort of level. When the Bundesbank starts raising, it won't be any less of a shock than the US was back in February [when the Federal Reserve began tightening monetary policy]," Magnus added.

British bank base rates are also on the way up, according to Warburg's UK economist Darren Winder.

"Base rates, by mid-'95, could be 7 to 7.5 percent, with a further increase likely in the second half of 1995," said Winder. UK bank base rates are now at 5.75 percent.

Magnus, though, sees chinks of light. "We're still negative on interest rates but maybe the interest rate peak will arrive rather sooner than normal in the economic cycle," he said.

And with inflation set to stay subdued "we should get a more significant and pleasing performance in the fixed income markets when, and only when, expectations wind down with a tightening of monetary policy," he added.

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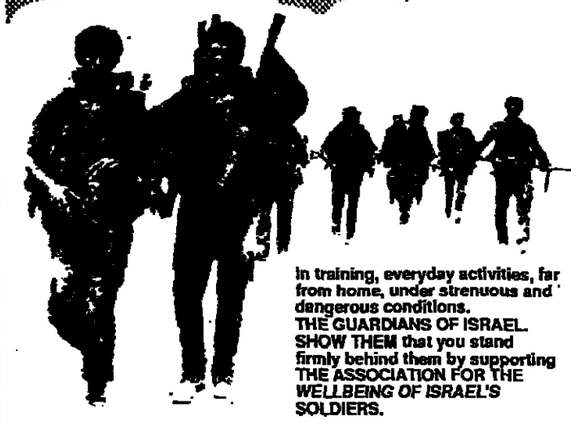
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Table 1

O. Herbst West	North	I. Herbst East	South
3NT	double	5♣	pass
pass	double	pass	5♠
pass	pass	double	(all pass)

Table 2

	Zeligman		Birman
West	North	East	South
3NT	double	5♣	(all pass)

TWO Israeli open teams competed in the recent world championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One team, Shaya Levitt and Danny Cohen of Tel Aviv, and Javi Kalish and Leonid Podgor of Haifa, reached the semifinal stage of the main team event, the Rosenblum Cup, before losing to the eventual winners. This was a tremendous achievement and will be reported in full next week.

The other team suffered from bad politics and unlucky scores. The team: David Birman, Shalom Zeligman and Eliakim Shofel, of Tel Aviv, and Ilan and Ofir Herbst, two brothers from Haifa.

They failed to qualify for the round of 64 in the Rosenblum, but it was not because of poor bridge. To begin with, they were seeded in a group of eight teams that included two inexperienced teams from Pakistan. When it became known that the Pakistani teams would refuse to play against the Israelis, because, they said, their government would not permit it, the World Bridge Federation organizers, instead of disqualifying the Pakistani teams or simply giving Israel an automatic victory over them, kowtowed to bad politics by switching the seeding.

Since the Israeli team was the seeded team in the field of eight, the two Pakistani teams were sent to another group, while two stronger teams, one from the US and one from Indonesia, replaced them. Thus, the Israelis lost the opportunity to play against the relatively weaker Pakistani teams.

Despite this, the Israelis scored well, and though their final total of 189 victory points would have been good enough for second or third place in the other groups, it put them out of the money in their particular group. In fact, they were second with one round to go, but after losing a close last match, four teams shot past them by blitzing their opponents.

Never say die! Despite their extreme disappointment, these players showed up for the Zonal Swiss Teams, an event held for nonqualifiers. They added David Fohrer, of Jerusalem, and proceeded to win 11 of their 12 matches to win that championship. They had two powerful opponents the last two matches, teams from Sweden and the US. But they defeated them both.

Today's deal is from the last match of this event, against a team led by Eric Rodwell. At both tables, the bidding was opened by West with a gambling three notrump, showing a solid minor suit and an outside high card. When North doubled, East jumped to five clubs, because he knew his partner had to hold a solid club suit and he was hoping to catch a useful red-suit honor. Here is where the auctions diverge.

At table one, North doubled five clubs. He might have thought that because his side was vulnerable, the opponents were taking a sacrifice. But the double backfired when his partner, South, pulled to five spades. Ilan Herbst doubled five spades, ending the auction. Ofir led his singleton diamond. Ilan won the ace and gave his partner a ruff with the seven. This was suit-preference for the higher ranking suit, hearts, and Ofir obediently switched to hearts. The defense scored another diamond ruff and ended with six tricks for a penalty of 1100 points.

At table two, Birman made a wise pass of five clubs, even though he and his partner were able to score three tricks to defeat the contract. By passing, he kept his partner from making an error. This is a commonly overlooked strategy when deciding on whether to double a final contract.

The combined total of 1150 points (1100 at one table and 50 at the other) translated into 15 IMPs (international match points), and gave the team a victory.



Foxes and other mammals are there to be seen by anyone taking a leisurely night ride in Galilee, the Jerusalem hills, the Jezreel Valley or the Negev. (Courtesy Tel Aviv University)

Go slow to see the show

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

IT DOESN'T take long to notice one of the biologically striking things about Israel. Even visitors are often quick to note that while there are a lot of birds here, and plenty of insects, mammals are less visibly plentiful. If you want to sample what's available, you have to visit the zoo. There is ample reason for this.

Almost all the birds of Israel, whether resident or seasonal visitors, are diurnal. They are awake and active during the daylight hours, highly visible as they streak across the sky or hop about among shrubs and trees. Only the owls are truly nocturnal and confine their activities to the night hours, when few people are around to observe them.

Mammals in Israel, of which there are close to 50 species, are almost all nocturnal. Only one predator, the mongoose, is diurnal. As for the ruminants, they mostly confine their activities to very early morning and the late twilight period.

MOST PEOPLE just don't know where or when to look for local mammals. A leisurely night drive along country highways in Galilee, the Jerusalem hills, the Jezreel Valley or the Negev, especially when the moon is not full, will usually show any interested viewer all the mammals he or she might want to see.

We live at high speed and tend to miss the show. The number of foxes, jackals, wolves, porcupines, badgers and wild cats that are run over on the highways proves that there are plenty of animals about at night. Even by day, many mammals can be seen, and yet passersby rarely do see them. Like other predators, we humans tend to note movement much more quickly than we discern patterns or shapes.

So human viewing habits, and the fact that most wild animals are well camouflaged, result in the "invisibility" of mammals. Nonetheless, small groups of gazelles can often be seen standing, motionless, in the shade of a tree less than 50 meters from the highway, even in the middle of the day. This sight is especially common in the Jordan Valley, Galilee and the Arava.

At the Ein Gedi nature reserve a visitor is almost certain to see ibex and rock hyraxes, even perhaps a gazelle or two. The rock hyrax is well dispersed throughout Galilee, and a large colony of them flourish on the shores of the Kinneret, right at the periphery of Tiberias, no more than 150 meters from the road that encircles the lake. But again, racing along at top speed is not the way to see them.

Bred to be champions

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

TOP-class chess these days seems to require certain personality traits which normal parents would not want their kids to exhibit. It would be difficult to describe Bobby Fischer as a well-rounded chap, considering his vehement antisemitism. And since Fischer we've had Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov.

Kasparov was caught cheating earlier this year, and his chess behavior is greedy and dictatorial.

Karpov has also been involved in some highly suspicious incidents, including one this year in which he was saved from losing on time by a dubious claim that there had been a repetition of moves.

Among potential challengers for the world title, both Vassily Ivanchuk and Viswanathan Anand are pleasant and modest individuals.

But the brutish father of young Gata Kamsky regularly threatens physical violence against his son's opponents. There have been calls to ban the father from international events, but his reign of terror continues. Gata's tough upbringing has certainly imbued him with the "qualities" of a potential "champion."

IN THE recent PCA (Professional Chess Association) World Championship semi-finals, Englishmen Nigel Short and Michael Adams were both crushed by 5.5-1.5 scorelines.

Nice-guy Adams was beaten by nice-guy Anand, and Short was beaten by Kamsky.

Since becoming a title contender, Short seems to have been trying hard to develop a mean streak and recently refused to take part in the England team unless the captain, Murray Chandler, was sacked. But in Kamsky, he met someone who had been bred for the job.

Here is the fifth game of the Kamsky-Short match, in which the Englishman gets badly beaten up.

Kamsky – Short
Nimzo-Indian Defense
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2

Several years ago this was a very popular treatment of the position. White sidesteps the ultra-solid Huebner variation, 6.Nf3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 followed by 8...e5, but the big question concerns the efficacy of White's knight on e2 in the isolated-pawn position.
6...cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Ne4 Be7 11.a3 0-0 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Qd3 g6 14.Bb6 b6 15.Rad1 Bb7 16.Rfe1 Rc8 17.Bb3 a6 18.N2g3

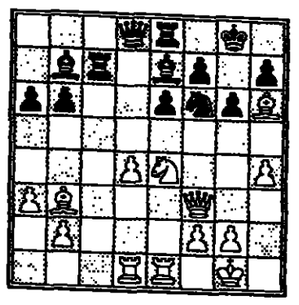
A new move, 18.N2c3 having been played in a 1988-vintage Shirov-Psakhis game.

The thinking behind this idea is worthy of note. White does not continue the text-book fight for the d5 square but shifts his pieces in the direction of Black's king.
18...Nb8?!

After the game Short criticized this move. An interesting way of countering Kamsky's plan would have been 18...Bh4 followed by ...Nce7 and ...Nf5, covering some of the dark square weaknesses on the kingside.
19.Qf3 Rc7 20.Nh5 Nd7 21.h4 Nf6

After 21...Bxh4 there would follow 22.Nd6 Re7 23.g3 Bf6 **24.Nxb7 Rxb7 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Qxd5.**
22.Nhxf6+ Nxf6

It seems that a second exchange on f6 is now forced, but Kamsky has foreseen a crushing move (see diagram).

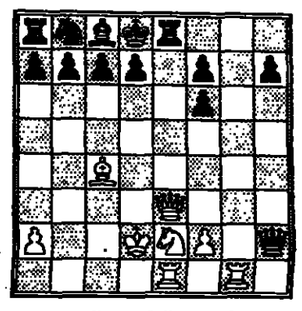


23.d5!

This thematic push wins in all variations. Thus 23...exd5 is met by 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qxf6, 23...Nxd5 by 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 (or 25...exd5 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Qxf6 Qe1+ 29.Kh2 etc.) 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Qxf6 and 23...e5 by 24.d6.

Short chooses a fourth possibility, but this does not help either.
23...Nxe4 24.dxe6 f5 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rd1 1-0

THE PROBLEM this week is from a 1901 encounter, Perlasca-Grassi. White to play brought off a spectacular winning coup.



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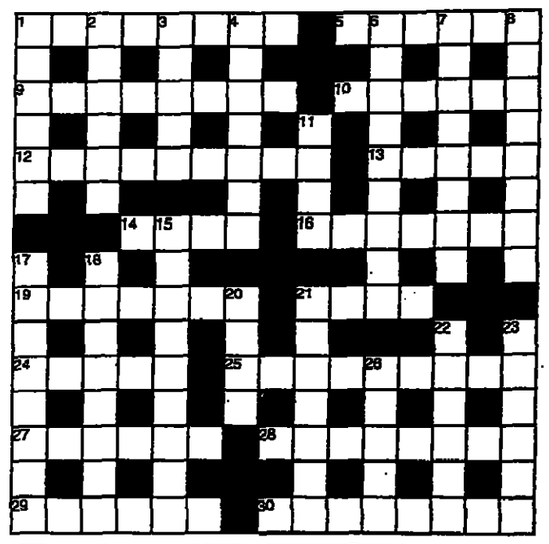
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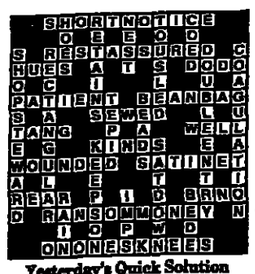
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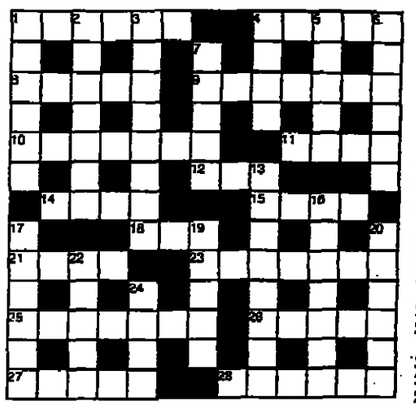
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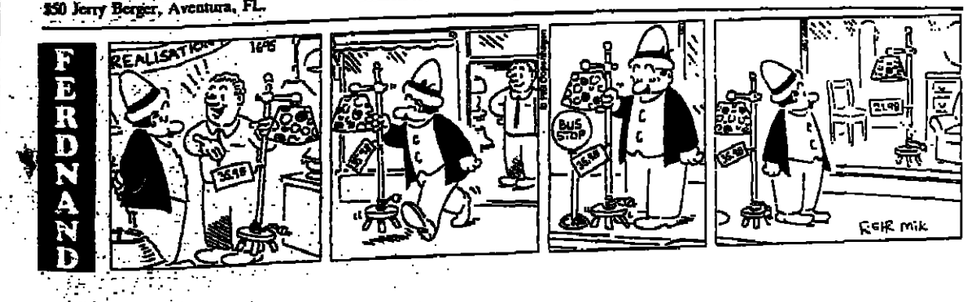
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The ancient Greece most visitors miss

TRAVEL

STEVE SILK

EVERYONE has heard of the glories of ancient Greece: mighty Sparta, cultured Athens, the oracle at Delphi. But there is another ancient Greece, a vast realm of unforgiving stone call Zagoria.

Its remote valleys are sheltered in the folds of the Pindus Mountains. Some 46 tiny villages, collectively called Zagorohoria, lie hidden behind the protective arm of Mitsikeli mountain. Each is a marvel of the mason's art.

Every millimeter of every village is gray slate stone, from the footpaths to the handsome houses to the soaring arched bridges. Here it is always the stone age.

The 20th century has barely intruded in this patch of northwestern Greece. The region's yawning rock expanses and dense forests remain one of the wildest parts of Europe, where eagles fly, bears prowl, and the howls of wolves still rend the night air.

Semi-nomadic shepherds, the Sarakatsans, still lead their flocks of sheep through the Vikos Gorge, the so-called Grand Canyon of Greece.

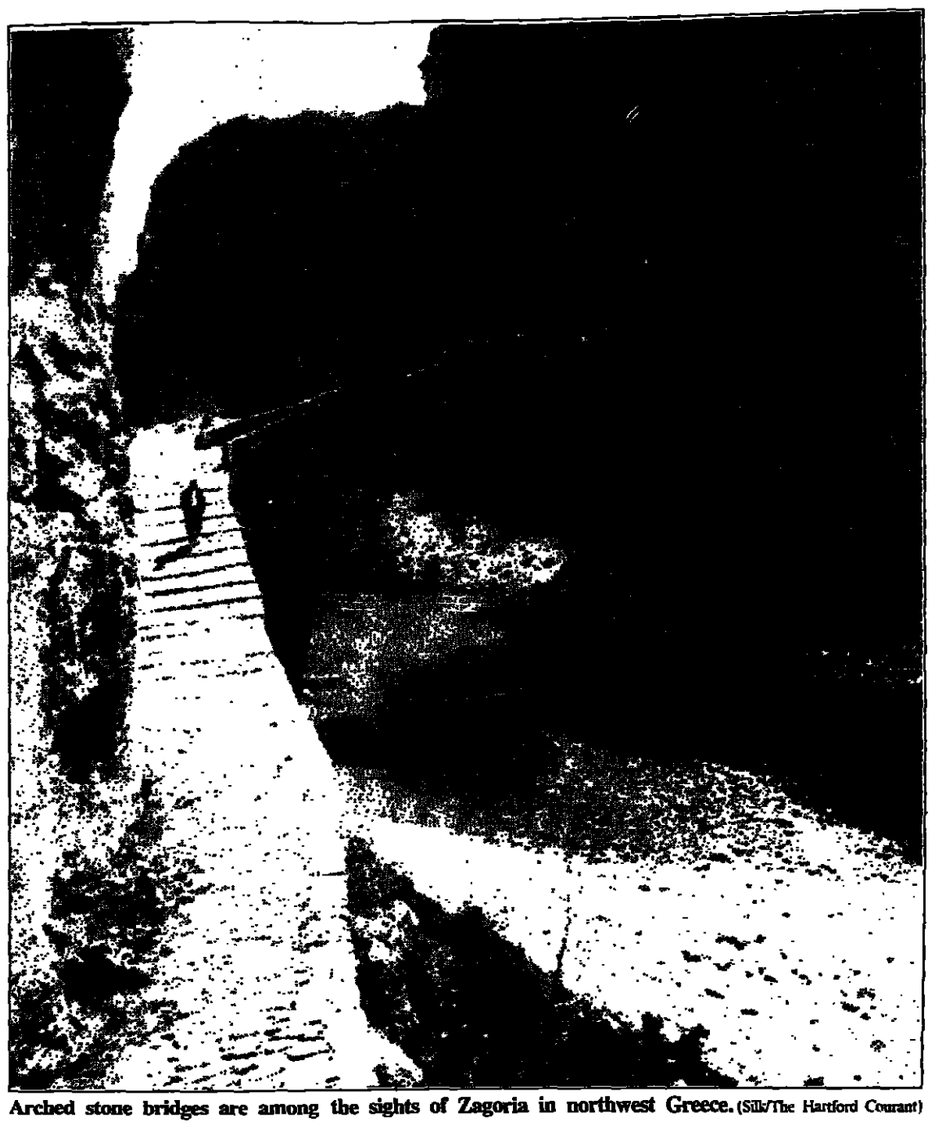
On rocky parapets above the 25-kilometer-long abyss, monks once meditated in stony monasteries. Far below their places of prayer, down in the chasm where the Voidhomatis River runs cold and blue as the sky, desperate, ragged Albanian refugees steal their way into Western Europe.

Few come to Zagoria (pronounced zag-a-REE-a) for the village life. Some of the towns are deserted and crumbled. Most of the others support vestigial populations. Dilofo, for example, is said to be inhabited in winter by three lone widows.

The most populous town, Tsepelovo, supports a population of about 500; the town is noisy with the buzz of saws and the roar of trucks – the local loggers are busily denuding their landscape. The fallen buildings so common in Zagoria convey a sense of decrepitude rather than ruin.

A few villages are showing signs of change. Much of the region has recently been set aside as the Vikos-Aoos National Park, and some young people and a few Athenian exurbanites have restored characteristically beautiful stone houses and now operate them as bed-and-breakfast accommodations.

A stay in villages such as the Papingos or Monodendri, with their herds of sheep and cattle and narrow streets roofed with grapevines, offers a tranquil respite. Most travelers begin in nearby Ioannina, the euphonically named lakeside city once ruled by Ali Pasha, a renegade Albanian despot who decorated his citadel with the severed heads and torn-off limbs of his enemies. Eventually, he double-crossed the Turks one time too many. When they took the city in 1822, the pasha's own head went on display.



Arched stone bridges are among the sights of Zagoria in northwest Greece. (Silk/The Hartford Courant)

Today Ioannina is a bustling crossroads of commerce, but the old section of town, huddled around the citadel and its exotic-looking minaret, recalls the days when Turkey ruled this part of Greece. As in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, there are twisting alleys lined with stalls housing tailors, noisy cobblers, ironmongers and jewelers. In the lakeside cafes, mustachioed patrons clack their worry beads and give the backgammon boards a workout. Even the bustle has a vaguely oriental feel.

Perhaps because of the promise that seemed to lie at the far ends of mountain trails, Zagori men succumbed to the siren song of the road. They traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East, working as doctors, lawyers, merchants and teachers.

But they always returned to their villages in the Pindus Mountains.

Their earnings enabled them to employ itinerant masons who could shape houses from the abundant stone that lies everywhere in striated heaps, like stacks of ready-to-use bricks.

Foreign earnings also went to Souli mercenaries, fierce warriors from the lowlands, hired to protect Zagori villages from Turkish marauders or Albanian brigands while the men worked abroad.

But today the villages are quiet, the dwindling populace having returned to the gentle pursuits of agriculture and animal husbandry. This is about as far from souvenir joints and souvlaki stands as you can get.

In Mikro Papingo and Megalo Papingo, the 1,000-year-old villages that anchor the western end of Zagorohoria, the year-round population hovers at well under 100. Sheep are more commonly seen on the streets than people.

A handful of hostelries offer accommodation – the villages are particularly popular with Athenians and other Greek vacationers.

The Papingos – Mikro and Megalo (little and big) – are probably the most dramatic destination in Zagoria. Towering above them is the Gamila massif, its tallest peak the fourth highest mountain in Greece.

Its snowy pinnacles rise from a lofty plateau, a vast sea of limestone riddled with hidden lakes and deep caves. Adventurers can take the seven-hour trip through the gorge, climb up to Drakolimni, the Dragon Lake, or plunge into the inky depths of Provatina cave.

But first, all eyes rise to fasten on the Pyrgi, the towers, a quartet of massive limestone monoliths tearing at the sky like the claws of some antediluvian beast.

Far below those towers, tiny Megalo Papingo echoes the other villages of the region. The wind never stops, nor do the tinkling sounds of bells on sheep and cattle.

There is the stone square, dominated by a massive plane tree with branches pinwheeling off toward the stratosphere, the stone church and huddled houses. Everything is gray, relieved only by the dusky green of the vegetation, the blue of the sky, and the white glare of mountaintop snows.

This haven of tradition is rudely interrupted by a hilltop structure totally alien to its surroundings. That oversized box of concrete, now a skeletal-looking eyesore, is slated to be a hotel that will dwarf every other structure in Zagoria. Locals are fighting its completion, and the legal battle has gone to the highest courts in Greece.

Other outlandish ideas threaten the peace and tranquillity of Zagoria: plans to bulldoze a highway across the plateau, schemes to string electric lighting throughout the gorge, a ski resort for the area. The national park designation may curb such developmental urges.

For now though, the gorge is pristine. Nearly every village is worth exploring. Some hide worthwhile secrets of their own.

Take, for instance, the monumental staircase of – what else? – stone coiling up out of the gorge on its way from Kapesovo to the lofty village of Vradeto.

Or the sinuous stone bridges around Kipi, especially the three-arched wonder just below the hillside town.

Or the Rongovou Monastery in Tsepelovo. The stone age has never looked better.

(The Hartford Courant)

Clinton ran out of gas, so Christopher jogged solo in Jerusalem

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

PRESIDENT **Bill Clinton**, though several years younger than Secretary of State **Warren Christopher**, did not join him on his morning run last Friday. Christopher, a veteran of Middle East shuttles, trotted out in fine fettle. But Clinton, unused to flitting through the Middle East, was just too exhausted.

For his visit to Yad Vashem, Clinton presumably had a kippa of his own, but he chose to wear another – a gift from Jerusalemite **Rachel Rubin**, 76.

Rubin, who immigrated from England 6½ years ago, kept seeing peace-dove symbols every time she switched on television, and was inspired to make a black kippa edged with white doves.

She then took it to the King David Hotel and gave it to a US Embassy security officer, who promised her that it would be delivered to the president.

Rubin subsequently made another kippa for the security officer, and says he was thrilled.

FREEMASONS ARE usually secretive, but new developments in the Middle East have brought at least one Freemason out into the open. In a series of newspaper advertisements, **Ephraim Fuchs**, president of the Israel Order of Masons, hailed **Yitzhak Rabin**, **King Hussein** and Bill Clinton as the "Masons of Peace."

HIS BRIEF is to write news, not to make it. But *Jerusalem Post* political and diplomatic correspondent **David Makovsky** found himself the center of media attention when he traveled with Clinton to Damascus and invited President **Hafez Assad** to use the press conference held there to assure the Israeli public of his intentions. Makovsky, who holds both American and Israeli citizenship, also writes for *US News and World Report*, and is known to the Syrians, who previously allowed him to enter the country on his American passport.

After questioning Assad in front of a worldwide audience of millions, Makovsky was courted by both print and broadcast journalists. He made valiant efforts to steer the news away from himself and back to the peace process.

BRITISH HOTEL tycoon **David Lewis**, head of the Isrotel chain, had his own ceremony in Eilat prior to the Arava peace production.

Lewis put the finishing touch on the Royal Beach Hotel, which has replaced the King Solomon as the company's flagship facility, by affixing the mezuza.

Then, at a dinner for King Solomon veterans, he presented 27 staffers who have been with the hotel since its opening with reproductions of a silver menora designed by British sculptress **Valerie Maxwell**. The original is on display at the Royal Beach.

TO ANYONE familiar with the color preferences of both **Queen Noor** and **Hillary Clinton**, it came as no surprise that both wore blue. Many, however, believed that the American first lady should have checked out the royal attire in advance.

Someone else who wears a lot of blue is our own president's wife, **Reuma Weizman**. She often seeks fashion advice from socialite fashion designer **Shoshana Ben-Zur**, from whom she purchases many of her clothes. Ben-Zur initially advised her to wear blue, but at the 11th hour recommended the more neutral shades of black and white.

IT WASN'T what he wore or what he said that helped President **Ezer Weizman** steal the show at the Jerusalem Theater performance by convicts at Ma'asiyahu Prison. It was what he sang. Weizman gave them a lusty rendition of "Bless Them All," then quipped that the prisoners might prefer to use another verb.

FLUSHED WITH triumph at reports the Clintons had enjoyed his menu, the King David Hotel's executive chef, **Yossi Hadad**, is preparing to wow the judges at this month's "culinary Olympics" in Luxembourg. Hadad is a member of the Dan chain team headed by **Sagi Ben-Or**, whose gastronomic delights have won him many medals. Other members of the team include **Avi Steinitz**, executive chef of the Dan Tel Aviv, and **Micha Ginter**, the Dan chain's executive pastry chef.



Yet another capital jogger: Morris Talensky, executive vice chairman of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek.

SHE'D NEVER met a royal when she lived in her native Manchester. Thus **Rebecca Krausz**, who has been here for five years, was particularly pleased to be included in the select list of those invited to the garden party for the Duke of Edinburgh at the home of British Ambassador **Andrew Burns**. Krausz was introduced to the royal personage and even conversed with him. A doctor of biology at the Weizmann Institute, she has helped select Israeli students for British Council scholarships.

WHEN **Lea Rabin**, founding chairman of Alut, the Israeli Society for Autistic Children, committed herself months ago to the biannual Castro benefit show in support of the organization, she had no inkling that on October 30 something a little more important would be happening in Casablanca.

Among those who didn't go to Casablanca but turned up at Castro were **Masha Lubelsky**, deputy minister of industry and trade, singer **Shoshana Damari**, longtime Alut activist **Puina Ramon**, and *La'isha* deputy editor **Bruria Avidan-Barir**. Avidan-Barir was positively sparkling beneath her new, much-publicized facelift.

THOUGH A frequent commuter between Britain and Israel, London-based **Vered Kollek** had not planned to celebrate her 39th birthday at home in Jerusalem. But her birthday fell in the same week that a papal knighthood was conferred on her father, attorney **Joseph Kollek** in recognition of his services to the Austrian Hospice (which is situated above the Third Station of the Cross in Jerusalem's Old City).

The personal representative in Israel of Viennese **Cardinal Groer**, the Austrian-born Kollek was singularly responsible for restoring the hospice to the Catholic Church. Sequestrated by the British in 1939, the hospice subsequently served as a government hospital under British, Jordanian and Israeli rule.

It was only in 1985 that Kollek was able to put it back into the hands of the Church. For this he earned the Order of the Holy Pope Sylvester, one of the three most distinguished Orders of the Holy See. Kollek is the third Jew and (unofficially) the first Israeli to receive a papal knighthood. The recognition was given to him as an Austrian.

Conscious that this was an act of appeasement by the Austrian Catholic Church towards the Jews, Kollek, an IDF reserves officer with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, chose not to quibble.

THE much-appreciated **Teddy Kollek**, who served as Jerusalem's mayor for over a quarter of a century, will be given honorary citizenship of the city next week at a ceremony to be attended by Prime Minister Rabin. The timing of the event is somewhat insensitive, since it also marks the first anniversary of Kollek's defeat by **Ehud Olmert**.

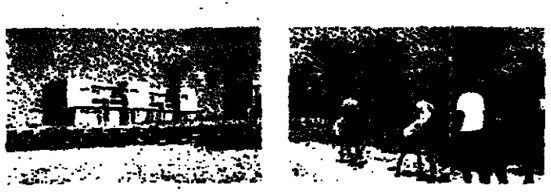
OFTEN INVITED to receptions for other VIPs, **Daniel Gal**, immediate past director of the Foreign Ministry's protocol department, and his wife, **Jacqueline**, were in recent weeks guests of honor at numerous dinners and cocktail parties hosted by heads of foreign missions who wanted to demonstrate their appreciation for services rendered and to wish Gal well in his new post in Canada. One of the last of these functions hosted by Philippines Ambassador **Rosalinda de Perio-Santos** was also to say farewell to Guatemalan ambassador **Stella de Garcia-Granados**, who has been appointed as her country's envoy to Poland. In her case, however, the farewell was premature. Garcia-Granados announced that she will be staying in Israel for at least another month to smooth the path for a high-level trade delegation from her country.

SOMEWHAT exhausted, but still smiling, runner 3233 in last week's Jerusalem marathon called in at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center which was on the route. It wasn't that **Morris Talensky** needed medical attention, but as executive vice chairman of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek, he was running to benefit the hospital, and he simply couldn't run past without stopping to say hello.

ON THE evening that he returned from Casablanca, Prime Minister Rabin joined former Air Force Commander and current president of Universal Motors Israel **Avihu Ben-Nun** in hosting a dinner at Gan Oranim for General Motors president **John F. Smith Jr.** Speaking in the presence of some 300 industrial leaders and senior government officials, Rabin lauded investment in Israel by American multinational firms, and told Smith: "I'm personally driven in one of your cars."

LOCAL FANS OF macho screen star **Arnold Schwarzenegger** are gearing up for next spring when the actor will visit Tel Aviv. A partner in Planet Hollywood, Schwarzenegger makes it his business to attend the opening of every new PH restaurant. Shareholder in the local facility is film producer **Arnon Milchan**. Other PH shareholders include **Demi Moore**, **Sylvester Stallone**, **Bruce Willis**, **Robert Earl** and **Keith Barish**. Milchan, whose company has produced major hits such as *Pretty Woman*, *JFK* and *Natural Born Killers*, figures he would be the most logical Israeli to bring Planet Hollywood to his home turf.

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